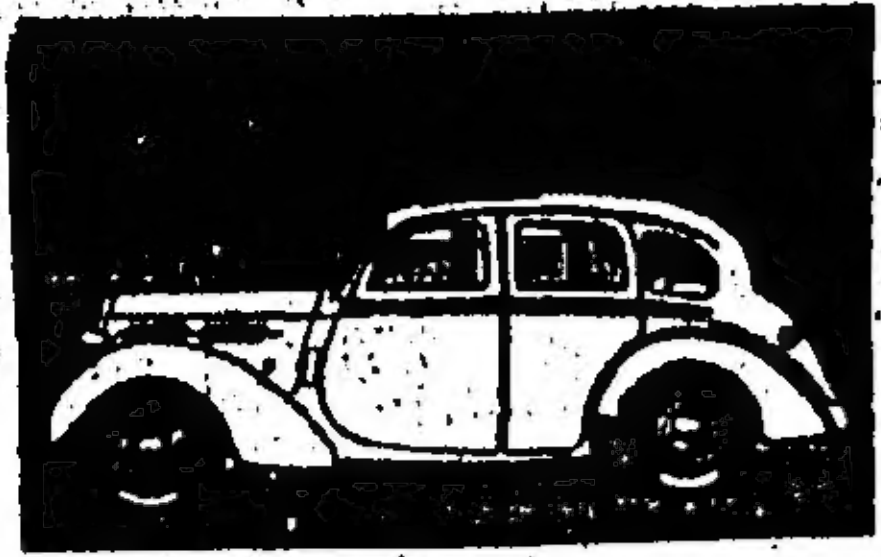


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TENSENESS IN HANKOW ASSASSINATION REPRISAL FEARS

HANKOW, Mar. 7.

A TENSE ATMOSPHERE was evident this morning among the Chinese population in the Concession areas, as knots of Chinese formed into groups uneasily along the streets.

Perpetrators of the attempted assassination of Chin Lung-chang are still at large, despite an exhaustive combing of the French Concession yesterday.

Parades of newspaper boys with placards were conspicuously absent to-day. The parades have been a recent feature of a "week of movement for the construction of an Oriental New Order" launched by the W.P.M.A.

Planes Attack Steamer

British Destroyer Aids Dutch Ship

LONDON, Mar. 7.

THE DUTCH STEAMER Aurora to-day wirelessed that she was being attacked by planes of an unknown nationality.

Her position is given as 37.6 N. and 3.7 W.

The British destroyer, Ivanhoe, had been ordered to investigate, but before it reached the spot, found that the Nationalist warship Jupiter had taken over control of the Aurora.

It was later learned that the Aurora was allowed to continue her voyage to Genoa.—Reuter.

SASSOON ON JAPAN

Bayonets Not Enough To Subdue China

SHANGHAI, Mar. 7.

SIR VICTOR SASSOON, head of the vast Sassoon interests in China, returned to Shanghai aboard the Empress of Japan to-day, completing a round-the-world tour.

In an interview, he declared: "Although I can see an independent Chinese Government working in co-operation with Japan for the development of Asia, I cannot see a vassal China. The Chinese have never been a servile people."

Commenting on the new government in the Japanese-occupied areas, Sir Victor Sassoon said: "You cannot choose a government with the help of bayonets."

He declared that there was no possibility of British financial aid to Japan, observing: "You cannot expect us to present the Japanese with the boots with which they have been threatening to kick all foreigners from China."

Sir Victor indicated that he believed Japan was in a greater danger of "going Communist" than China. The commercial magnate plans a fortnight's visit to Hongkong soon.—United Press.

Panther Wrecks Auto

West Palm Beach, Fla.
Dr. Leland Dime, who is district health officer for the state board of health, has discovered a new auto hazard. Driving at dusk along Lake Okechobee, he saw a panther crouched on the highway. He could not avoid hitting the animal, and the impact wrecked the car, injured the driver, and killed the panther.

Ten Million Workless Unemployment In United States

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.

AMERICA'S unemployed during January increased by nearly 750,000 compared with December, says the National Industrial Conference Board.

The total of 10,045,000 showed a decrease of 250,000 compared with January, 1938.—Reuter Special.

London, Mar. 7.—The "London Gazette" announces that the Duke of Gloucester has been appointed a Grand Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in the British realm, in the place of the Duke of Connaught, who has resigned.—Reuter.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan, which left Shanghai at 9.30 a.m. to-day, is due at Hongkong on Friday at 5.00 a.m.

Shaker Museum Planned

Hancock, Mass.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Andrews of Pittsfield have acquired the interior of the Shaker Meetinghouse here to serve as a nucleus for a museum which they plan to establish for preservation of the Shaker culture.

RIOTERS KILLED, INJURED

POLICE have had to fire on rioters again in Cawnpore, as the result of new disturbances.

At Cawnpore, following a clash between Hindus and Moslems, one was killed and four injured, says "Reuter."

Two policemen were among the injured. The police fired three rounds above the heads of the rioters.

ROUND-THE-WORLD TOURISTS WHO ARRIVED TO-DAY



MISS VIRGINIA
ESKRIDGE, of
Greenville, Dela-
ware, is one of
the most popular
members of the
younger set
aboard the Em-
press of Britain.



MR. WALTER
HOFFMAN is an
enthusiastic
photographer and
is Chair-
man of the Em-
press of Britain
World Cruise
Camera Club.



MR. ALFRED
MORAN is an
enthusiastic
amateur photo-
grapher and car-
ries his Leica
wherever he
goes on the trip
round the world.



DR. JOSEPHINE
WAITON is a
Philadelphian
and joined the
Empress of Bri-
tain for the
world cruise at
New York.



THE REV. R. C.
LAMBERT
WILLIAMS, the
Church of Eng-
land chaplain
aboard the Em-
press of Britain,
comes from Ex-
hill-on-Sea.



MRS. CON-
STANCE V.
EDWARDS, of
San Francisco,
believes that
the Acropolis at
Athens is the
most interesting
spectacle she has
yet seen.



DR. MARY M.
STEGALL is
one of the many
lady doctors who
joined the Em-
press of Britain
for this year's
world cruise.
She hails from
Carbondale, Ill.



MRS. PERCY C.
THOMAS is
travelling with
her husband and
has been an ex-
tensive purchaser
of curios and
knick-knacks on
the present trip.



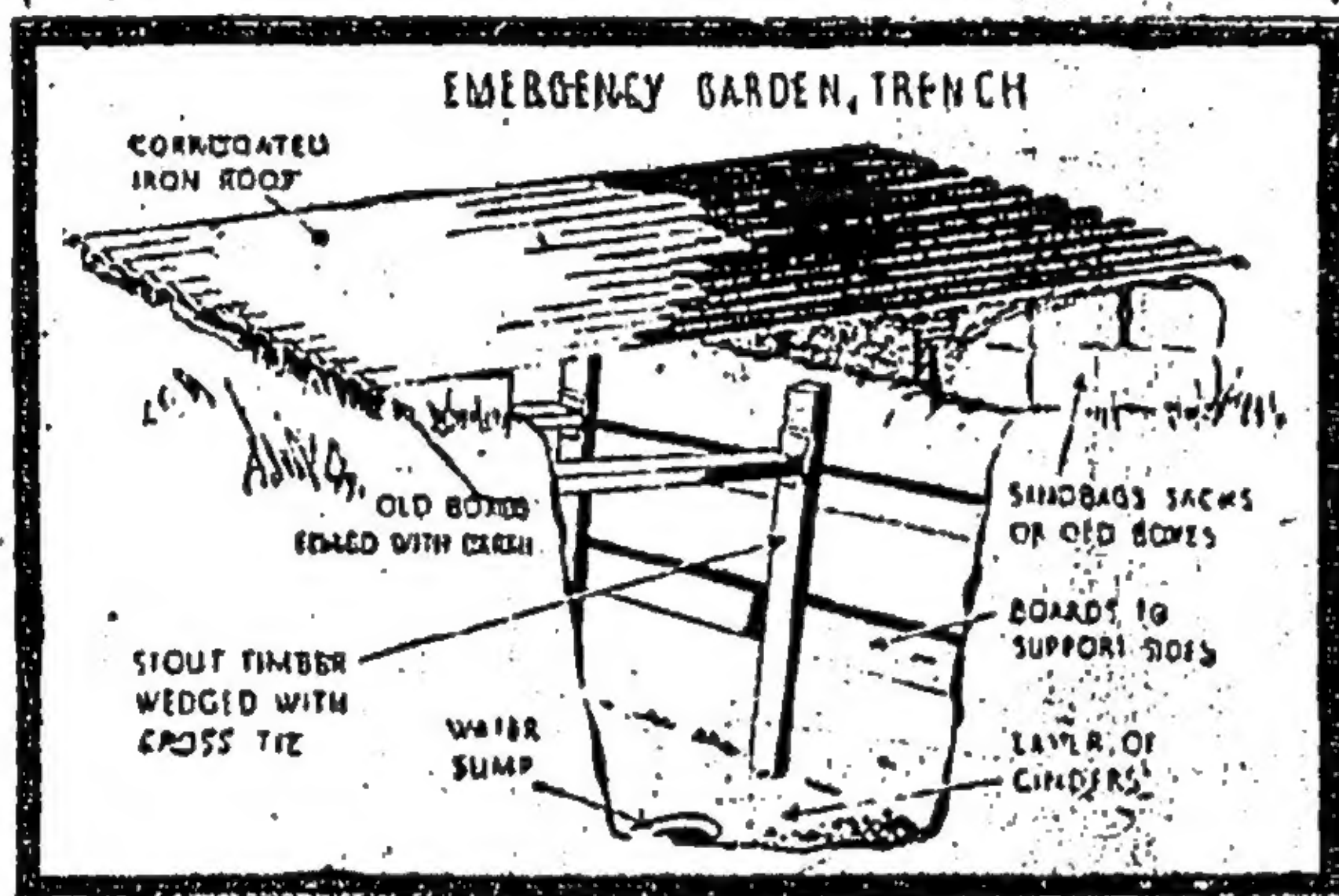
MRS. ETTA
FRETZ hails
from Buffalo,
New York. She
joined the Em-
press of Britain
at New York.
Mrs. Fretz is also
a popular member
of the young-
ster set.



MR. PERCY C.
THOMAS was
especially inter-
ested in Rome
because his home
town in the
United States is
also Rome—a
township in New
York State.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN ARRIVES—Page Four

HOW TO MAKE A REFUGE FOR SIX



THIS emergency trench, to accom-
modate six people, could rapidly
be prepared in a garden. It is drawn
from designs prepared at the Home
Office. The shelter is 4ft. 6ins.
deep and 4ft. 6ins. wide at the top,
narrowing to 3ft. 6ins. at the base.
For six people the trench should be
10ft. long. It is covered with cor-
rugated iron or planks, resting on
sand-bags, sacks or boxes filled with
earth from the excavation.

This covering should be laid at
a slight slope to drain off rain water
and should be dressed with two or
three inches of earth to hold the roof
down. The remaining earth should
be piled against the sides of the boxes
or sand-bags.

A short length of the roof—just
sufficient to admit an adult—should
be free from earth covering so that it
can be moved to admit the occupants
and closed up when they are inside.

In many soils the sides of the
trench will stand without support
for a considerable period. In others
the sides may tend to fall in. In such
cases they should be supported by
boards or corrugated iron as shown
in the diagram.

The floor of the trench should
be cut to slope slightly towards a
hole in the ground, made large
enough for a bucket to be dipped in.
The floor should be covered with a
layer of chert or boards to keep it
dry.

The trench should be dug some
distance from buildings to avoid
the risk of wreckage falling on it.
If the garden space is large enough
the distance should be at least twenty
feet.

A shelter thus made is, of course,
not gas-proof, but would provide ex-
cellent protection against blast and
splinters from high explosive bombs.
The occupants should take their gas
masks with them to the shelter in
case of gas attack.

Spanish War

Franco To Start Drive On Republican Capital

ST. JEAN DE LUZ, Mar. 7.

GENERAL FRANCO has decided to attack in the Madrid
sector, according to reports from Burgos.

General Franco is said to be counting on a decisive mili-
tary victory.

According to these reports, the
attitude of the Franco
Government is very reserved
regarding events in Madrid, as it
is felt that the attitude of the
National Defence Council is not
clear.

GUAM BASE REVIVAL

"Listening Post" In The Pacific

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of a
sea base at Guam as a "listening
post" for the Navy was ad-
vocated by Rear Admiral Arthur
Cook, when he testified before
the Senate Naval Commission
to-day.

Admiral Cook denied that the pro-
posed improvements at Guam were
linked with a plan to fortify the
island.

He declared that the Navy needed
a base there from which to obtain
advance information of any move-
ments of a possible enemy.—Reuter.

It is pointed out that the promise
by General Canas that Dr. Negrin's
principal followers would not be
allowed to escape has not been put
into effect.

Reports of serious Communist dis-
orders in Madrid are also confirmed
by Burgos, where it is stated that
vigorous rifle and machine gun fire
was heard within the city from
General Franco's front at University
City.

It is also stated that serious dis-
orders occurred at Cuernavaca, Alcala
and Guadalupe de Juarez.

The view held in Burgos is that
the Madrid Defence Council is not
by any means in complete control of
Republican territory.—Reuter.

LEADERS FLEE

Toulouse, Mar. 7.
General Juan Modesto, commander
of the army of the Ebro, was among
the three famous Spanish Republican
leaders who arrived by air to-day.

Others were General Hidalgo de
Cienfuegos, chief of the air force, and
General Enrique Lister, commander of
the Anarchists Division.—Reuter.

"ALL END SOON"

Madrid, Mar. 7.
General Miaja, appealing for order
during the short-lived Communist
revolt here to-day, declared: "We
don't want to shed more use-
less blood, and all I want to give you
peace. If common sense returns to

all of us, I assure you that it will all
end soon."

The revolt was centred in the
working-class quarter of Centro
Camino, and on the site of the old
Hippodrome building.

Some rifle shots were heard this
morning, but by the afternoon all
was quiet.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS INTERED

Tunis, Mar. 7.
Detachments of French police and
naval officials boarded the Spanish
republican warships which have been
interred.

It is expected that the ships will
be disarmed before they are allowed
to enter Bizerta harbour.

It is now stated that the Republican
fleet consists of 12 warships.

All local doctors have been requisit-
ioned, and strong mobile guards
(Continued on Page 4.)

35-Day Drought Is Broken

Hongkong's thirty-five day drought
was broken last night when half-an-
inch of rain was recorded at the
Royal Observatory.

Somewhat ironically, the ending of
the long drought has coincided with
the arrival in the Colony of the Em-
press of Britain, which has, in past
years, proved a harbinger of rain.

As a result of the cloudy con-
ditions, the visiting tourists were
robbed of the thrill of viewing Hong-
kong's Peak from the harbour, and a
proposed tour this afternoon of the
Peak may have to be cancelled be-
cause of the heavy mist.

The total rainfall recorded in
Hongkong since January 1 is only
one and three-quarter inches, which
is well below the average. Over a
quarter of this total fell last night.

Methods of protection are fully
indicated by notices inside room.

Things to Collect for the Refuge
Room—String, scissors, hammer and
nails, gummed paper and adhesive
tape, pot of paste or gum, sheets of
cellophane, brown paper and news-
paper, electric torches, needles and
thread, tin or jar with air tight lids
for storing food, bottles for storing
drinking water, box of First Aid
supplies, clean rags, bottle of disin-
fectant, pair of dark blue glasses
(non-inflammable).

Protective Clothing—The Heavy
Anti-Gas Clothing is worn by per-
sonnel who may be required to carry
out their duties in the highest con-
centrations of vapour or in liquid
(Continued on Page 4.)

Model of Trench for Occupants of
a Private House.—A trench has been
constructed in the garden of a private
house to provide shelter for the oc-
cupants in case of an Air Raid.

Model of Shelter Trench System.—
A zig zag trench system designed to
give Air Raid protection to the em-
ployees of a Factory.

How to choose a Refuge Room.
Domestic Fire Fighting Appliances.
(a) A.R.P. Appliances and (b)
Rexfoam Fire Extinguishers display-
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A Typical Gas-protected Room.—
This room has been gas-proofed and
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protection for use as a Refuge Room in
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PALESTINE PARLEYS Specific Proposals By Britain

LONDON, Mar. 7.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that the
Palestine talks are reaching a
stage where the British intend
to bring forward specific pro-
posals.

It is believed that both the Arabs
and British agreed that the questions
of constitution, immigration, and land
sales are interdependent, and that any
agreement must cover all, due re-
spect being paid to British interests,
the preservation of the holy places,
and the question of a Jewish national
home.

It is hoped that the present con-
ference will produce something
definite on these questions, although
it is understood that the British are
not prepared at the moment to
indicate a preference for any
particular form of constitution.

The British visualise a transitional
period to allow the Arabs and Jews
to collaborate in helping the British
with advice.

It is believed that the difficulties
attaching to the determining of the
transitional period are occupying
much of the time of the conference.

The British are said to have
indicated that they regard co-
operation between the Arabs and
Jews as an essential condition of the
advance to ultimate independence.—
Reuter.

JEWISH COMMUNICATION

London, Mar. 7.

The Jewish Agency executive is
drafting a written communication
which will be presented to the
British delegation to-morrow, where-
by it is hoped to ascertain whether
or not the Government policy en-
(Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

U.D. Defence Bill Goes Through

Washington, Mar. 7.

The Senate overwhelmingly ap-
proved the Administration's \$72-
million army expansion bill to-day.

The measure, which will carry out
the major portion of President
Roosevelt's \$110,000,000 defence
programme, now goes to the joint
session of the Senate and House for
adjustment of differences.

Among other things, it will attempt
to reconcile the Senate's authorization
made yesterday of 6,000 planes for
the army air corps, compared with
the 5,000 planes authorized by the
House.

The Senate accepted the proposal
to limit aviation expenditures to
\$200,000,000 of the Senate's expansion
bill total, and also agreed to place a
10 per cent. limit on the profits of
aeroplane manufacturers and others
likely to benefit from contracts under
the bill.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

NURSE VANISHED IN PORT SAID 18 YEARS AGO

Father Left Her Money

IN MAY 1921, NURSE MARY ADELAIDE JONES, OUTWARD BOUND FOR MADRAS, WENT ASHORE AT PORT SAID AND POSTED A CARD TO HER FAMILY IN SANTON, ISLE OF MAN, TELLING THEM SHE WAS QUITE WELL.

Then she vanished. From that time nothing more was heard of her.

Her father, the Rev. Richard Jones, Vicar of Santon for 40 years, died a year ago, leaving £7,000, which was divided between his seven children in equal parts.

Now, 18 years after Nurse Jones's disappearance, her family are awaiting the resumed hearing of a Chancery Court petition to presume her death.

Her share of the estate would then be divided among her brothers and sisters, who have scattered to various parts of Britain and the Empire.

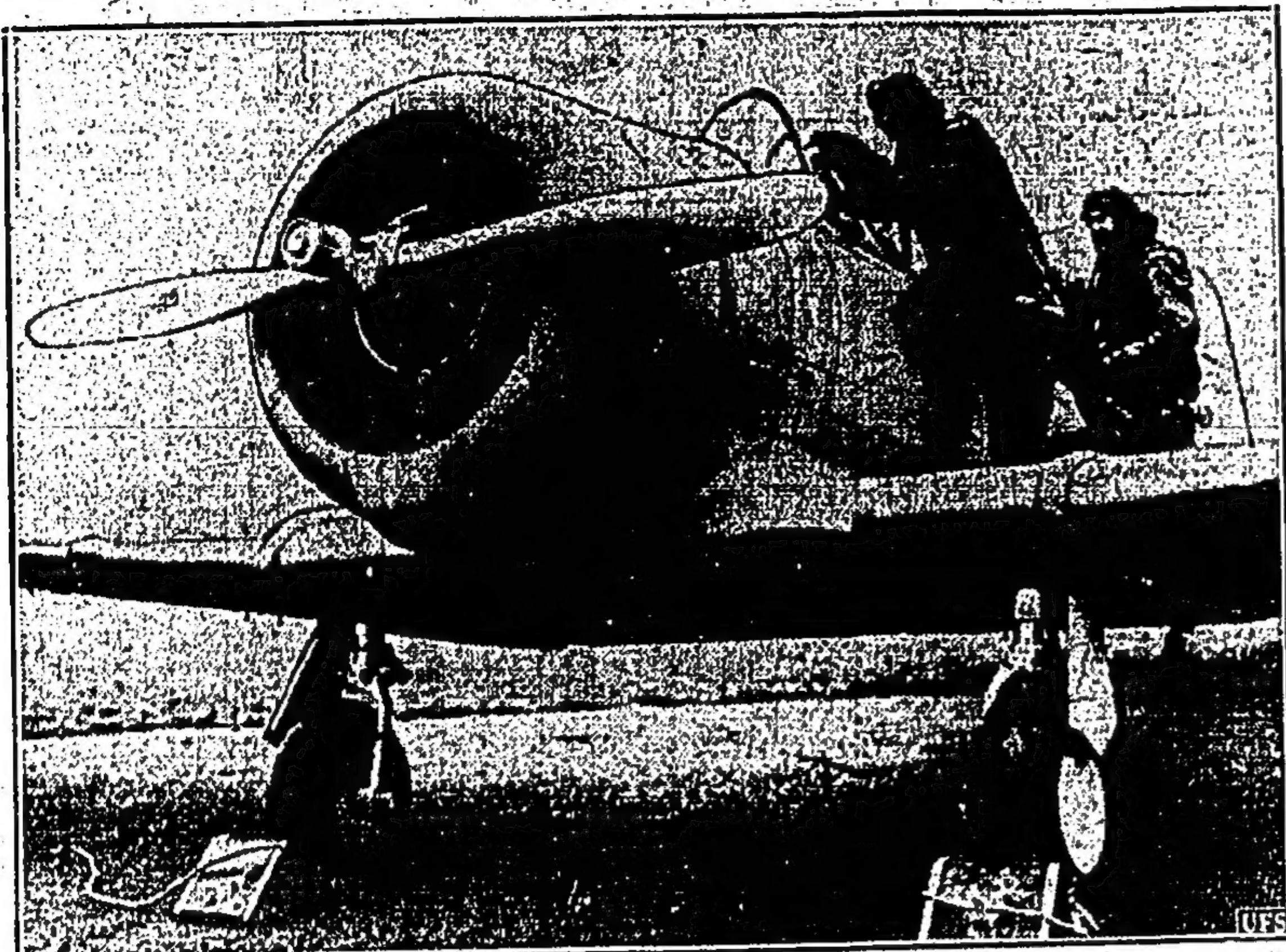
Tetanus Puzzle For Spilsbury

Stating that he regarded the case as one of more than ordinary importance, the Hackney coroner recently adjourned an inquest.

Mrs. Florence Wilson (36), Tottenham Road, Hackney, died in hospital from tetanus after the birth of her fourth child.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury said he found nothing to account for the symptoms. He agreed tetanus in such a case was extremely rare.

"I hope in the interests of the public that the source of infection can be traced," said the coroner.



A pilot in Grantham, England, enters one of the new Northrup-American planes recently bought in the United States by Great Britain, for use with the Royal Air Force. The planes will be used principally at the Grantham air training school to train pilots in the handling of single-engine monoplane ships.

Why General Eva Never Married

General Evangeline Booth, 73-year-old head of the Salvation Army, told a Manchester audience recently why she had never married. "A friend of mine was ever so serious with me about this question," she said. "He told me the time had really come when I should seriously consider marriage."

"I had my answer ready. Yes, I said, I have considered the question very, very seriously—that is why I am single."

Permanency For Transients

Farmersville, Cal. The fact that the Farm Security Administration has begun building steel houses here for migrants is taken as indication that the Administration believes the transient problem will be a permanent one in California. All other transient camps to date have been composed only of tent houses.

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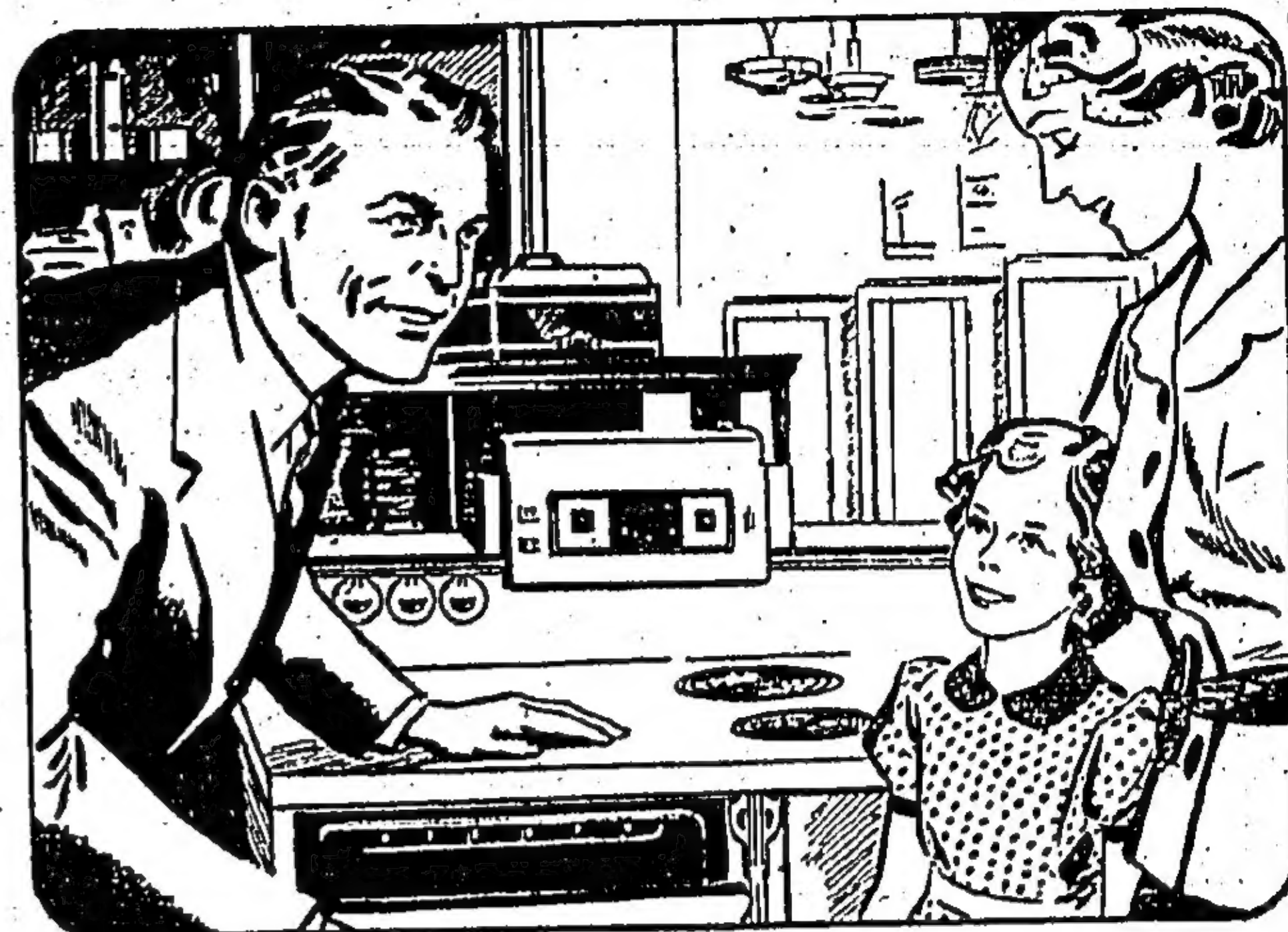
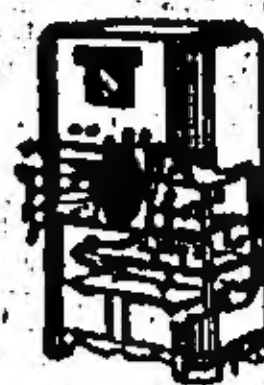
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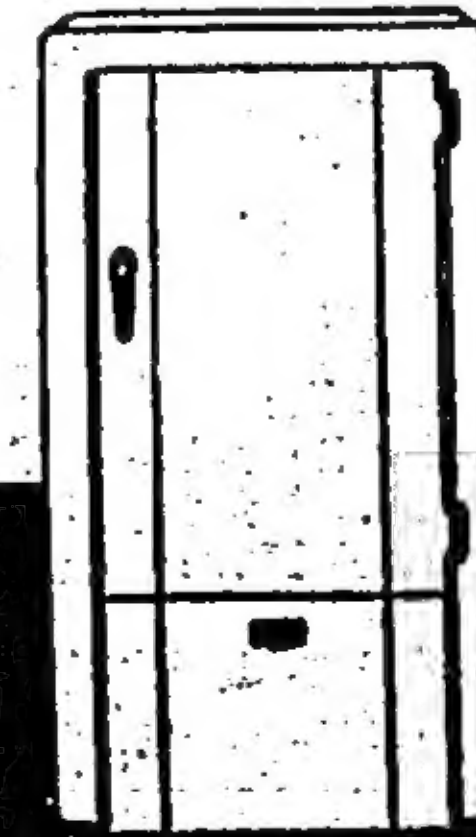
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Japanese Occupation Of Hainan Island

London. THE protection of Anglo-French interests in view of the landing of the Japanese forces in Hainan was referred to in a question in the House of Commons recently as follows:—

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked the Prime Minister whether he is aware that Japanese forces have been landed on the island of Hainan; and whether he will immediately consult with the French Government with a view to the joint protection of Anglo-French interests?

Mr. Butler: Yes, Sir. My Noble Friend is already in touch with the French Government on this matter.

Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne: May I ask whether the Japanese Government gave any previous notice of their intention to occupy the island of Hainan, and whether they have given the British or French Governments any information as to the duration of their occupation?

Mr. Butler: In view of the serious nature of this matter I should require to have notice of those two important questions.

Silver "Nest Egg"

A soldier's kitbag stuffed with silver ornaments worth £200, said to have been stolen from a synagogue in St. James's-square, Kensington, was found in a chicken run in the garden of Thomas Hannington, 13, who, with Michael William Hunt, 23, has been remanded in custody, for receiving 13 silver articles, a silk cover and a linen tablecloth.

Migrating Birds Fly 3 1/2 Miles Up

One of science's greatest mysteries—how even small birds are able to fly for hours after hours over oceans and desolate country—has been partly solved.

Pilots on the Pan-American Airways routes through the United States, South America and across the Pacific were asked to take notes of the speed and the height of the birds they saw.

These notes, now correlated, prove that migrating birds do not fly low, near the ground, at fairly small speeds, which was the usual theory. They fly in clouds through the lower stratosphere, at 15,000 to 22,000 feet (three and a half miles) above the ground.

This explains how great distances are covered comparatively quickly. At these heights constant winds blow, at up to 100 miles an hour and more, always at the same speed, always in the same direction.

The birds use the winds to aid them. With little effort they sail along at the same speed as the wind. Pilots saw swallows travelling at 90 m.p.h.



Mr. H. J. A. Hearne unsaddling Dekko after placing in the Northern Stakes at a recent race meeting.—Staff Photographer.

Actress Wins Slander Suit, Flies Back to Show

MISS Hannah Watt, pantomime principal boy and grand-daughter of the late Sir James Watt, Cumberland landowner, flew to Ulster from Carlisle recently fearing that her plain speaking before the judge at Carlisle Assizes had gone against her.

But, shortly before she went on the stage in Belfast in "The Babes in the Wood," she received a phone message to say that the case had been decided in her favor.

She and her mother had been sued for damages for an alleged slander on Mr. Thomas Ferguson (A. C. Astor, the ventriloquist). The judge (Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson) said it was a case that should never have been brought, "a lamentable piece of litigation."

Following a week's appearance at his theatre in Carlisle, Miss Watt and her mother were alleged to have called Mr. Astor "a twister." The judge said that while Miss Watt was probably more temperamental than she imagined, he accepted her denial that she and her mother called Mr. Astor "a twister."

Mr. Astor's character was not an issue of the case, and he thought all the parties spoke what they considered to be the truth. Miss Watt—tall, with corn-colored hair, called Ann Harding fashion on her neck—when questioned by the judge, said: "I know I am going to lose this case, but I have come here to clear my name. In the light of what has since happened and what I have heard from people in the profession, I know he [Mr. Astor] is an evil man. I must say that, if I lose the case."

It was revealed during the hearing that Miss Watt was married: Her husband is Mr. Nigel Fugh. Their home is in Laurier-road, London, N.W.

Bishop Of London Resigns At 81

THE Bishop of London, Dr. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram, recently resigned. Dr. Ingram has been Bishop of London since 1901. He is 81.

He first spoke of retiring "not later than 1938" in June, 1937, when he explained that there were still 63 churches to build in Greater London, and that he was staying for two years in order to leave his successor with a less onerous burden.

NOT TIRED YET

In a speech at the London Diocesan Conference he said that his impending retirement was not because he was tired of the work or was failing in physical or mental vigour, but "simply that it was only fair for an old man to make way for a young man."

Bishop of Stepney from 1897 to 1901, Dr. Winnington Ingram is said to have read the notification of his appointment to that See while going by bus to a working-men's meeting in the East End.

"My recreations are still squash, rackets, golf, tennis and hockey," said the Bishop on his 75th birthday, and no man had a greater belief in games as a recipe for fitness in old age.

3 GOALS AT 75

Not long before he was 75 he scored three goals in a hockey match between the Old Boys of Marlborough and Rugby College. During a tour of the world in 1928 he met Helen Wills Moody in a tennis match at Berkeley (Cal.). He played in mixed doubles against her and his side won 6-4.

Wife Afraid To Leave Home

LIVERPOOL'S "curfew" wife, crippled Mrs. James Byrne, of Great Mercer-street, who, during her 20 years of married life, has never left her home after 5 p.m. because of a ban by her husband, was free recently to do what she wanted.

She refused to go out into the city or to the pictures. Force of habit kept her by the fireside behind locked doors. Neighbours who called on her were sent away. Only her three children were allowed to see her.

Her husband, James Byrne, is now serving 18 months' jail for inflicting grievous bodily harm on her. NAIL IN DOOR. When he went out for a few hours on the night of January 3 he put a nail in the back door. On his return he found it had been disturbed. He took his wife by the hair and knocked her semi-conscious with his fist. Leaving her on the floor, he went to the police station and said: "I have done my wife in." By then Mrs. Byrne had crawled into the street. She was taken to hospital.

HIS OBSESSION. Defending counsel said that Byrne had worked himself to fever-pitch with the obsession that his wife had been unfaithful. When he saw a man climbing over the garden wall he jumped to conclusions, lost control of himself, and assaulted her in a fit of frenzy.

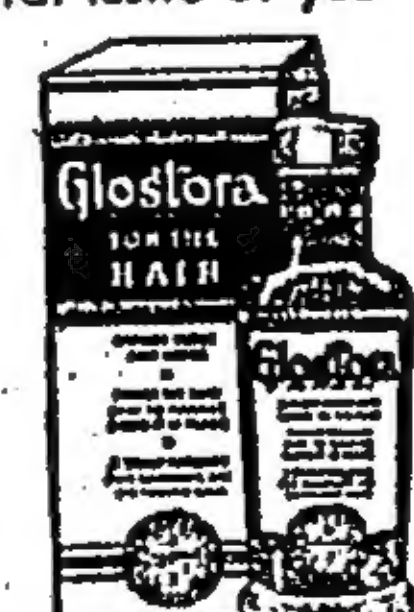
Mrs. Byrne has never seen a talkie film, and is scared of crowded streets with their endless rush of traffic. Night after night for 20 years she has sat patiently by her fireside knitting, and wondering what has been going on in the outside world.

Now she is free to live her own life, but she has little money for pleasure.

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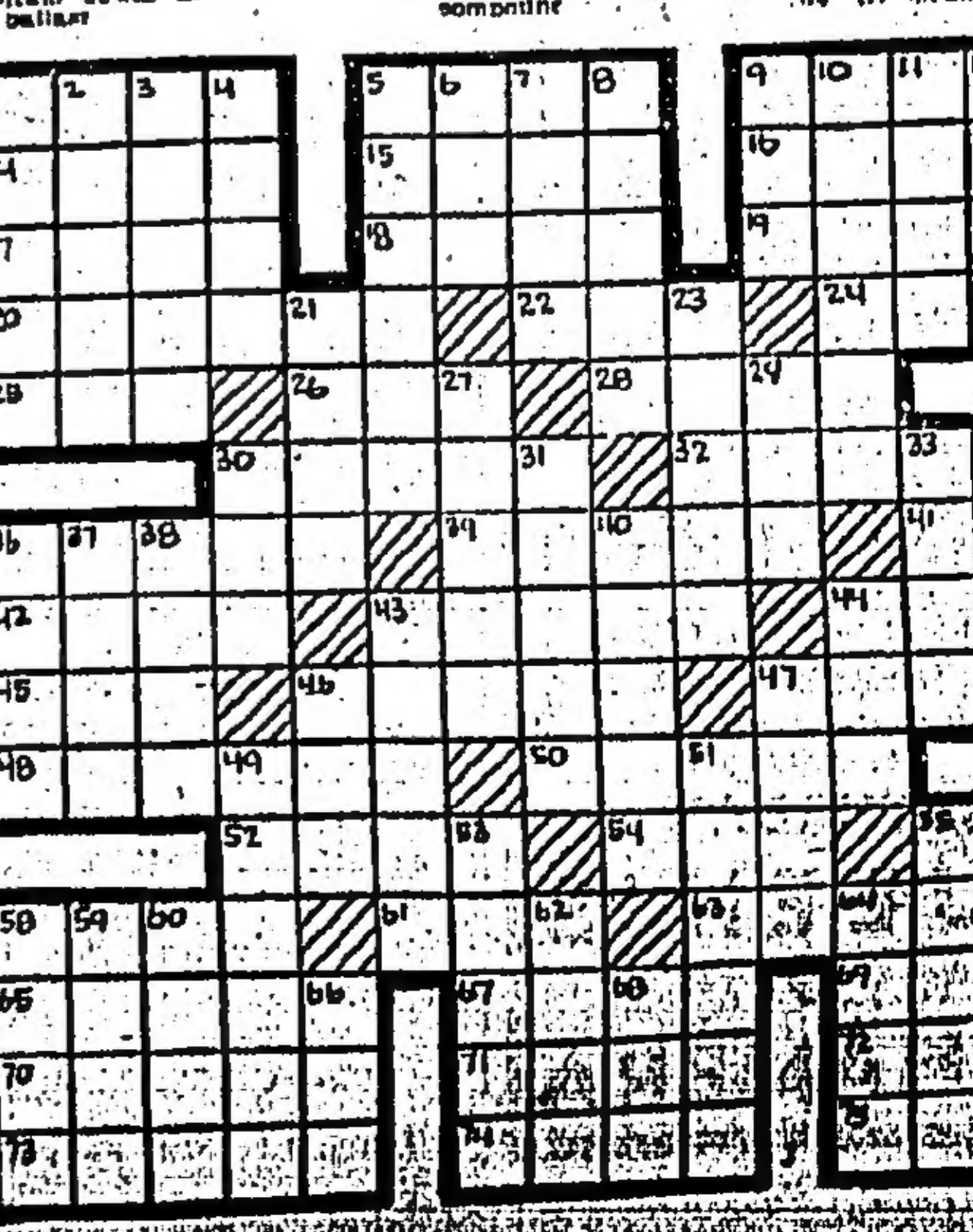
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

- ACROSS
- 1—Blough of St. Anthony
 - 2—Lure to Africa
 - 3—Child with sundress
 - 4—Miscellaneous collection
 - 5—Vicious war
 - 6—Last quotation of under
 - 7—Lincoln's element
 - 8—Nimrod
 - 9—Lamentable pendant
 - 10—Shining emanation
 - 11—On numerous occasions
 - 12—Crane of andlers' sensation
 - 13—Portent conception of wine
 - 14—Viper
 - 15—Shape of means of food
 - 16—Divided attack
 - 17—Pertaining to death
 - 18—Civil name
 - 19—Hero's name (poem)
 - 20—Girl's name
 - 21—Hero's name by force
 - 22—Camp out
 - 23—Divides
 - 24—Expression used at wedding
 - 25—Perverse cold of Venice
 - 26—Portly straggled man in Medo-terranian sea
 - 27—Writing instrument
 - 28—Crane-like trill
 - 29—Sharp, loud cry
 - 30—Sleep as day
 - 31—Presto! two
 - 32—Rain down, as deluge

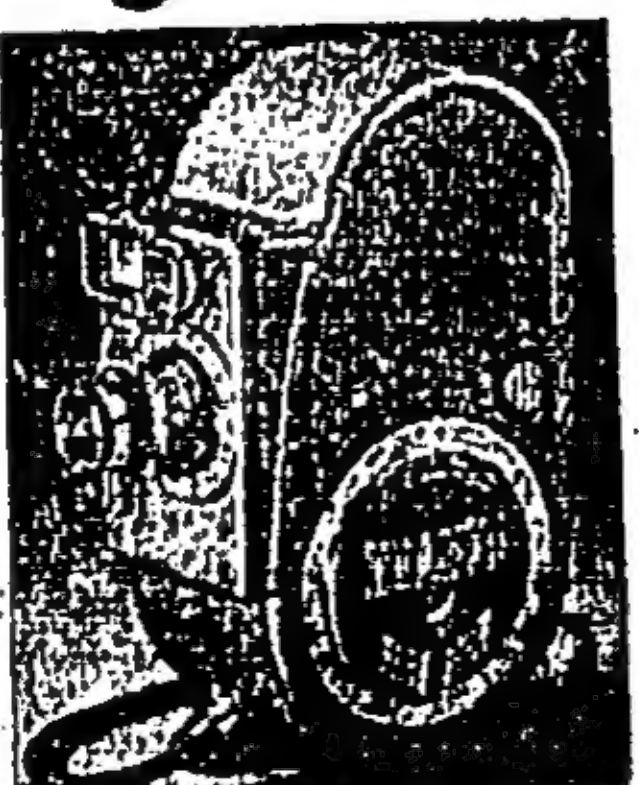
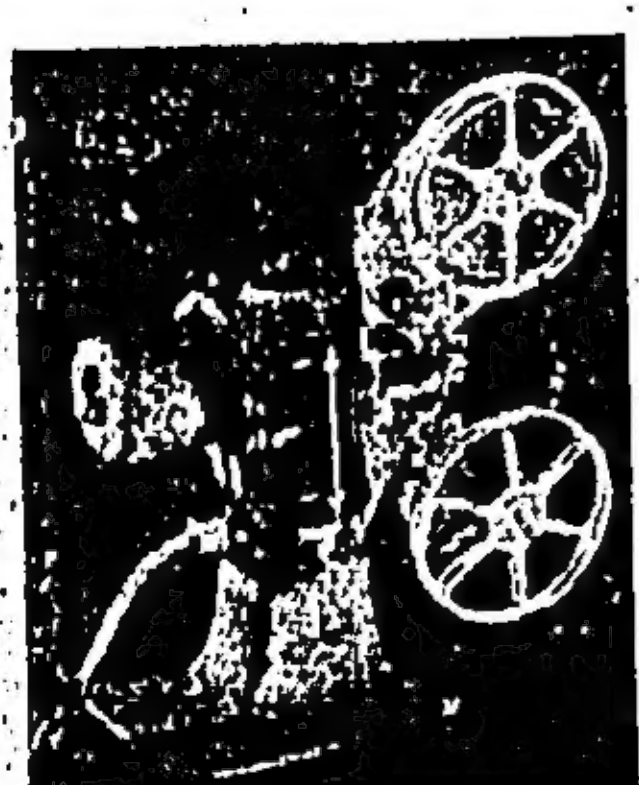
- DOWN
- 1—Unpleasantly aware of step
 - 2—Chlorine scent
 - 3—Anticipatory request
 - 4—Jumpy
 - 5—Retrograde Greek
 - 6—Jumpy
 - 7—Is a bigger size
 - 8—Wine-like date
 - 9—Rivet in central place of sine
 - 10—Use who employs
 - 11—Poppet's quality
 - 12—String for testing together parts of shoe
 - 13—U.S. non-author
 - 14—Pertaining to Dartmouth
 - 15—Residence "hall"
 - 16—Pious water
 - 17—Last of saint
 - 18—Rivet in central place of sine
 - 19—Tunny's entrance
 - 20—Jumpy
 - 21—Improve deeply
 - 22—Are carried
 - 23—Pious water
 - 24—Rivet in central place of sine
 - 25—Aquatic bird
 - 26—Rivet in central place of sine
 - 27—Crane of andlers' sensation
 - 28—Writing instrument
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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

FAR EAST AIR CHIEF

Singapore, Mar. 7.
Air Marshal Babington, Air Chief in the Far East, is leaving Singapore by air on a three-day visit to Sarawak where he will be entertained by the Rajah.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

LOAN FOR BRAZIL

Washington, Mar. 7.
The American-Brazilian agreement will contain a provision for granting a 120 million dollar loan to Brazil.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held at ST. JOHN'S PLACE (opposite the lower Peak Tram Station) on THURSDAY, the 9th MARCH, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and on FRIDAY, the 10th MARCH, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lady Northcote has kindly consented to distribute the prizes on Thursday, the 9th March at 5.30 p.m.

Prizewinners are requested to attend in person to receive their prizes.

J. T. BAGRAM,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1939.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fiftieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 9th March, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1938 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 25th February to 9th March, 1939, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1939.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fiftieth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 9th of March, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 9th MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. C. T. BECK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1939.

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE.

STOCKS: The London stock averages are now above the high levels reached in September of last year, following the Munich Conference and suggest that bear markets in that city have ended.

Montgomery Ward Company's February sales were up 14.7 per cent. February sales of leading National merchandising companies were the best since September, 1937.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, opposes putting gold into circulation.

Senator Tydings proposes rewording of the Aircraft Profit Limitation Amendment to allow for experimental costs.

EARNINGS: Stock Period 1938
Douglas Aircraft Yr. 31/12 \$3.70
Corn Products Yr. 31/12 \$3.70
Lockheed Aircraft Yr. 31/12 \$0.67

COTTON: The Chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee opposes any release of Loan cotton at any price, pending legislation. American yarn prices have advanced in Lancashire and there is an improvement in the business booked.

GRAINS: Elevators in the Argentine are glutted. An embargo on shipments from the country to the seaboard is likely.

LADY NORTHCOTE TO OPEN COLONY'S AIR RAID PRECAUTION EXHIBITION

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Blister Gas, e.g. Decontamination Soda.

The Light Anti-Gas Clothing is worn by personnel not likely to be working for long in heavy concentrations of gas, but who may require protection from both liquid and vapour, e.g. Air Raid Wardens.

The Family prepare their Refuge Room.

Model of a Chinese House.—One room has been protected against blast, splinters and gas and has been equipped for use as an Air Raid Warden's Post.

Series of Pictures Illustrating the Duties of an Air Raid Warden.

Effect on a House of various sized Bombs bursting 50 feet away.

Various Devices for Dimming House Lighting, including shade made from an old tin, shade made from a piece of dark blue cloth, and special A.R.P. electric bulbs, exhibited by Messrs. The General Electric Co. of China Ltd., and by Messrs. Anderson Meyer & Co.

ROOM NO. 2

Care of Respirator.

Respirator Stall.—Different types of Respirator are on exhibition and may be tried on by those desiring to do so. The respirators will be fitted and instructions in wearing given by the qualified demonstrator in attendance.

Chart showing where War Gases attack the Human Body.

War Gases.—Visual and Smelling Samples.

Small Incendiary Bomb.—Sample of the "Kilo" incendiary Bomb. Weight is approximately 2 1/2 lbs.

The Service Respirator.

The Civilian Duty Respirator.

Seals Model of a First Aid Post.—Lay-out designed to deal with Wounded, Contaminated Wounded and Contaminated persons of both sexes.

Full Size Airlock for large residences.—An Airlock is a compartment placed at the entrance to a gas-protected building or room, so that persons may pass in and out without admitting gas.

Two blankets placed not less than four feet apart so that first may be opened and shut again before the second is used.

Wooden battens nailed inside and outside of blankets to make them fit into the inclined frames.

When in use, the blankets should be kept wet.

When not in use, the blankets can be rolled up and tied at the top.

OUTDOOR EXHIBITS

Full Size Garden Trench Shelter to accommodate Six Persons.—Where space is available in a garden, a trench of this type provides excellent protection except against direct hits. In order that the trench shall be clear of any chance of being buried under wreckage, it should be at least 20 ft. from a building.

Full particulars as to how this Trench can be constructed will be given, on request, by the qualified instructor.

Models of Shelters displayed by Messrs. Warren & Co. Ltd.—

(a) Trenches formed of sheet iron with Gas-tight doors and emergency exit at top.

(b) Shelter in pre-cast concrete with suitable entrance and exit arranged to enable a family to enter and leave quickly.

(c) Shelter in flat pre-cast concrete slabs protected by sand-bags, earth and brush wood.

(d) Two types of doors and ventilator appliances.

(e) Sand Container.

(f) Long-handled Scoop.

(g) Hand Stirrup Pump.

Four Types of Wall-Showing materials and thicknesses to provide protection against Blast and Splinters from a 500-lb. Bomb bursting not less than 50 feet away.—

(a) 2 ft. 6 ins., solid earth or sand in bags.

Manchukuo Protests 166 Border Disputes During 1938

TOKYO, Mar. 7.

THE MANCHUKUO Government has protested to the Soviet Union over 166 border disputes last year, according to an official statement issued in Hsinking.

Altogether there were 166 disputes during the year, and Russia replied to only 51 of the protests.

No case has been settled, but two have been partially settled.

The disputes are stated to have arisen over cases of illegal crossing of the frontier, shooting, kidnapping, interference with river traffic, illegal land surveys, and the destruction of border posts.

The latest incident reported to-day is from Harbin, where ten Soviet cavalrymen are alleged to have crossed the border north of Suifeng.

Before they were repelled, one cavalryman was wounded.—*Reuter.*

PALESTINE PARLEYS

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visages liquidation of the Jewish national home question.

The Jewish delegates are prepared for a settlement involving termination of the Mandate so long as the principles of the mandate, allowing for the continued development of a national home, are still to be preserved.

If the Government's reply shows that it intends to safeguard this continued development, it is understood that the Jewish delegates will consider it a satisfactory basis for further discussion. Otherwise, they will see no object in prolonging the talks.—*Reuter.*

TEMPERS FRAYING

London, Mar. 7.
Enquiries in Palestine conference circles suggest that tempers are beginning to become frayed.

It is believed that at to-day's talk between the British and Arab delegations there were vigorous exchanges following the suggestion that the Palestine Arab delegation's attitude had stiffened, and that it was unwilling to make concessions.

Calm was quickly restored, but some resentment was manifested throughout the discussion, which, it is understood, dealt mainly with immigration.

It is asserted that the Palestine delegation protested against illegal immigration, which they said, had reached considerable proportions.

It is believed that the British delegates indicated that the British Government intended to prevent this immigration.

It is stated in some quarters that the British Government is consulting the High Commissioner in Jerusalem with regard to its constitutional proposals, and that the next meeting of the conference will not be held until the High Commissioner's reply is received.—*Reuter.*

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

Rexform Fire Extinguishers displayed by Messrs. A. V. Turner & Co.

Special A.R.P. electric bulbs, exhibited by Messrs. The General Electric Co. of China Ltd., and by Messrs. Anderson Meyer & Co.

Models of Shelters as displayed by Messrs. Warren & Co. Ltd.

Empress Berths At Kowloon On Eighth World Cruise

The giant 43,000 tons flagship of the Canadian Pacific Fleet, the Empress of Britain, moved slowly up the harbour this morning, towed by the Taikoo tug Henry Koswick.

Dwarfing the aircraft carrier Eagle and the Dutch liner Ruys, which had preceded her up the stream from the quarantine anchorage, the bows of the Empress of Britain swung towards No. 5 pier Kowloon dock at 8 a.m. to the tick.

However, it took a small army of dock coolies and officials three-quarters of an hour to moor the ocean liner. It was 8.45 a.m. before the first passengers came off.

Captain Charles H. Sapsworth, Commander of the Empress of Britain, stayed on the bridge until his charge was safely moored, then hurried below to greet local officials of the line who congratulated him on his handling of the vessel.

A small street of stalls had been erected along the No. 5 pier, with curio and emporium-wood box salesmen anticipating record business. It was noticeable that prices had been considerably advanced above the usual levels.

Two hundred ricksha coolies queued up outside the dock, expecting to do business on the basis of "dollar felly, mister."

UNLUCKY WEATHER
The liner, with flags and pennants flying from stem to stern, presented a brighter scene than the weather. It was remarked by those waiting for the ship that this was the third year in succession in which the weather had been overcast for the liner's coming.

The liner is making her eighth call on her round-the-world cruise programme at Hongkong. This year there is a considerably smaller number of passengers owing to cancellations made during the September crisis by Americans, loath to leave their country on account of the international situation.

150 PASSENGERS

There are 150 passengers aboard, whereas on previous visits there have been between 300 and 400 on the liner. Mostly wealthy Americans, including six millionaires, some of the liner's passengers are occupying suites costing \$60,000 for the 4½ months cruise.

The Empress will sail on Saturday for New York, via Manila, Bali, Java, South Africa, South America and the West Indies.

Owing to the Far East war the itinerary, which included calls at Japan, was changed.

CARS AWAIT PASSENGERS

A fleet of 70 cars were parked on the wharfside waiting until the passengers could be taken to their homes.

FRANCO TO START DRIVE ON REPUBLICAN CAPITAL
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have been brought to Bizerta from Tunis.

Fifty naval officers and other ranks from Cartagena arrived at Oran to-day in six vessels.—*Reuter.*

MADRID QUIET

Madrid, Mar. 7.
"Reuter's" correspondent, touring the city late this afternoon, states that the streets were patrolled by the military and that all was quiet within the city.

Communists who had been barricaded in two buildings surrendered.—*Reuter.*

ARMISTICE PARLEYS

Paris, Mar. 7.
The belief that negotiations for an armistice in Spain have already begun, is expressed in well-informed French circles.

The Defence Junta in Madrid is reported to have in mind an armistice leading to a complete settlement within a fortnight or three weeks.

At the same time, the Junta is asking for assurances for the safety of persons "implicated", particularly an opportunity for them to leave Spain.—*Reuter.*

RADIO SILENCED

Burgos, Mar. 7.
Discord in Madrid is increasing according to the latest information available. The radio became suddenly silent after having uncensored broadcast anti-Communist appeals throughout the morning, which were distinctly heard by Nationalist troops on the outskirts of Madrid.

It is believed that the Communists forced their way into the transmitting room, as a confused noise, mingled with shots and screams were heard through the loudspeakers.

Just before then, an appeal by Senator Beistegui had been broadcast in which he urged the population to resist by all means in their power the establishment of "foreign tyranny".

An account of the events immediately preceding the Communist uprising in Madrid was given in an appeal broadcast by the Anarchists to-day in which it was stated that Dr. Negrin and Senor Del Vayo had planned the Communist coup for Sunday, for which Moscow had promised support. The new Communist Government was to have been composed of the leader of the Spanish Communist Party, Senor Jose Diaz, as well as Dr. Negrin and Senor Del Vayo.—*Trans-Ocean.*

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

Market conditions continue steady. With the exception of Trans, which changed hands in fair quantities, scrip is not readily available, and enquiries will have to be made at higher levels to induce holders to meet the demand.

Buyers

Canton Insurance \$220
H.K. Fire Insurance \$185
Wharves \$111
H.K. Docks (Old) \$171
H.K. Docks (New) \$16.90
Ruhbs \$81
H.K. Lands \$26.82
H.K. Trams \$10.90
Yamutai Ferries (Old) \$231
Yamutai Ferries (New) \$22.70
China Lights (Old) \$33
China Lights (New) \$5.80
Sankana Lights \$10.40
Canton Ice \$1
Central \$1.87
H.K. Ropes \$4
Watsons \$7.92
Wing On (H.K.) \$411
Entertainment \$7
Vibro Piling \$64
Electricity \$2.40
Maramans (H.K.) \$4.90
Hongkong Banks \$1.00
Union Insurance \$480
H.K. Hotels \$94
H.K. Lands \$37
H.K. Trams \$17
Electricity \$594
Watsons \$7.92
Maramans (H.K.) \$4.90
Antamoka \$7.40
Aloks \$3.05
Bogulo Gold \$201
Benquet Consul \$4.00
Coco Groves \$8
Demonstrations \$131
L. K. L. \$1
Paracole Gunous \$5
San Maurizio \$200
Suyoe Consul \$215
United Paracole \$6

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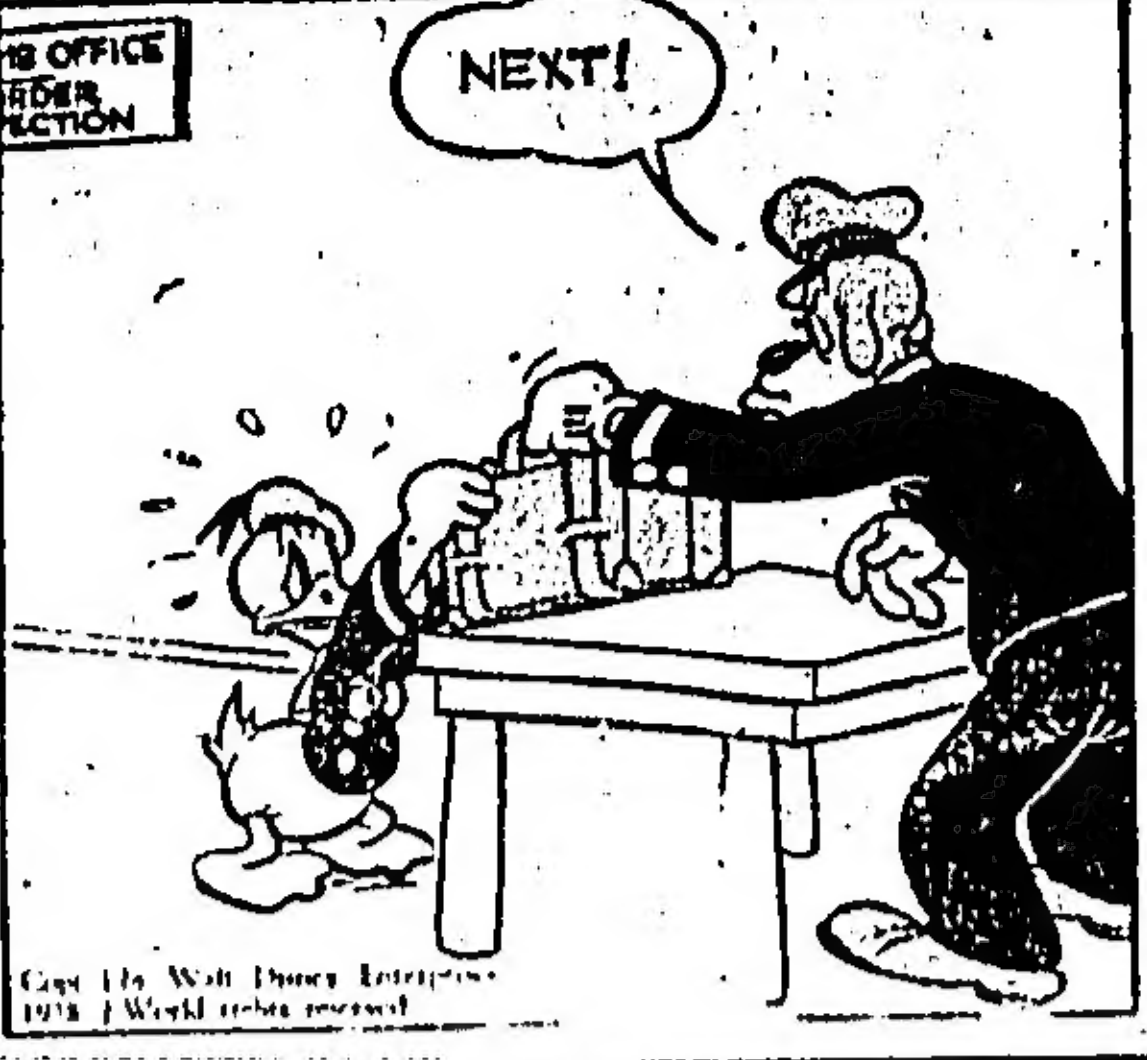
INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Date
Haliphong	Canton	March 8.
Rahaut	Friden	March 8.
Japan	Ginyo Maru	March 8.
Al Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date.		
1st March	Imperial Airways Plane	March 8.
Japan	Kutsang	March 8.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	March 8.
Strait	Tantalus	March 8.
Shanghai and Amoy	Taihan	March 8.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuenang	March 8.
Manila	Naruto Maru	March 8.
Japan	Rheinland	March 8.
Japan and Shanghai	Scharnhorst	March 9.
Shanghai and Swatow	Suliyang	March 9.
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	March 10.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 18th February).		
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.)—London date, 9th February	Emp. of Japan	March 10.
Manila	Hakozaki Maru	March 10.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Hulda Maersk	March 10.
Al Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 1st March.	Kasima Maru	March 10.
Manila	Pan American Airways Plane	March 10.
Australia and Manila	Pan. Cleveland	March 10.
	Taiping	March 10.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Wednesday		
Swatow, Amoy and Chuanchow	Haiching	Wed., Mar. 8, 2 p.m.
Foochow	Pronto	Wed., Mar. 8, 4.00 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow	Kanchow	Thurs., Mar. 9, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Tsinan	Thurs., Mar. 9, 10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Muinam	Thurs., Mar. 9, 1.30 p.m.
Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco Marques and (Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban)	Ruys	Thurs., Mar. 9, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London,	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.
16th March	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 9, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 18th March	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 9, 7 p.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Scharnhorst	Thurs., Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Parcels	Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 9, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Haiphong	Canton	Fri., Mar. 10, 2 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Haitan	Fri., Mar. 10, 3 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai, and Japan	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan Frl.	Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Brindisi—due Brindisi, 31st March.	Conte Rosso	Fri., Mar. 10, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 21st March.	Kasima Maru	Fri., Mar. 10, 4.30 p.m.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 10, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 10, 5.30 p.m.
Strait, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 9th April.	Kasima Maru	Fri., Mar. 10, 5.30 p.m.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 10, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
	C.d.	Mar. 10, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 17th March.	Pan American Airways Plane	Fri., Mar. 10, 7 p.m.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 10, 5.30 p.m.
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ROOF-TOP FALL

Boy's Death Result Of Negligence

Revelations during the course of an inquiry into the death of a six-year-old boy who fell to his death from the roof of his home into the backyard, led to Mr. T. J. Houston, sitting as Coroner at the Central Magistracy yesterday, severely reprimanding the landlord of the premises, and to the Jury adding a rider in which they expressed their disgust at the Landlord's gross negligence.

Messrs. J. W. Bertram (foreman), J. L. Juley, and A. R. Dallas, were empanelled as the Jury. Divisional Inspector J. R. McWalter was present for the police.

Lance-Sergeant J. Headridge said he had visited No. 9 Jubilee Street, Central district, on January 26, as a result of information that a boy named Chan Lap-chi had fallen from the roof of the house into the backyard. Witness learned, on making enquiries, that the boy had been sitting on a ledge on the roof when he had overbalanced and fell. There was very little flat space on the roof, which was intended for drying clothes. The roof was four storeys from the ground.

Dr. T. K. Lien, medical officer attached to Queen Mary Hospital, said that the deceased boy was admitted to the hospital in a dying condition, and died at 8.40 p.m. the same day. After describing the boy's injuries, Dr. Lien said that the cause of death was shock following multiple injuries. Witness did not find any marks on the boy consistent with his having been struck by someone or something.

Cheung Kwan-luk, an 11-year-old boy, said he had been playing with his younger brother and the deceased, who was his cousin, on the roof of their home. Witness was leaning

against the roof door, with his brother nearby, while the deceased was sitting on the ledge, throwing a piece of firewood against the wall, when he fell into the backyard.

Witness said he had been told by his uncle and aunt previously not to play on the roof. He added that he had been up there on other occasions without anyone knowing.

Warned of Danger

His aunt, Chong Fung, said that the deceased had been living with her for five months. She had warned him and her other nephews not to play on the roof because it was dangerous. She said she lived on the third floor of the premises, and the roof was immediately above. People seldom went up there, and she herself had never been up. The roof was not used for drying clothes, as they were dried on the verandah. She said the roof door was closed at night and secured with a bolt. It had been left open during the day to allow in more light.

Kwan Chau-tat, landlord of the premises, and residing at No. 3 Ling Yeung Terrace, third floor, was then called as a witness. He told the Coroner that he owned more than ten houses, including No. 9 Jubilee Street. He carried on a business as an importer and exporter. He said he gave instructions to his employees

to look after his houses, and all repairs were left in their hands. He employed two assistants who collected the rent.

Witness learned of the accident through seeing a report in the newspapers. He had asked his assistants how the accident had happened and they told him that the boy had been sitting on the ledge when he had overbalanced and fallen down.

Shown a photograph of the roof by the Coroner, and asked if he noticed if anything was missing, witness said that a wooden railing was. (There should have been two railings around the edge of the roof, and the lower one on two sides was missing.) Witness agreed that had the railing been there, the accident would not have happened. He said he had given instructions to his folks to make repairs.

It was pointed out to him that the photograph was taken on March 3, and the railing had not then been replaced.

At this point, the witness was severely reprimanded by the Coroner, who said that in spite of the fact that a life had been lost through the absence of the railing, witness had not seen fit to spend \$2 and to have personally seen to it that the railing was replaced, although more than a month had elapsed since the day of the accident.

Questioned regarding his income from the house, witness said he received \$200 from all four flats.

The Coroner remarked that it was a disgraceful state of affairs.

"Blood-Earned" Money

Summing up, the Coroner said that there was no doubt that the death had been accidental, and the only important point the Jury had to bear in mind was whether, if a railing had been in place on the roof, the accident would have occurred. The landlord, he reminded them, received \$200 from all four flats, and though more than a month had elapsed, the man had not seen fit to take any of that "blood-earned" money to repair the roof. "I strongly advise you to

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HONGKONG AH-OY!

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are dancing on the After Deck now. Small tables surround the dance floor where happy groups sip cool drinks between dances.

MY! HOW the miles—and the days slip by. Our first Costume Ball was a jolly affair, with a gay medley of costumes—Sheik in turban and burnoose, vendors selling beads and carpets, Nautch girls in flowing skirts, Hindu ladies in glorious saris, pirates in hip boots and gleaming swords, cowboys in ten-gallon hats, Snowwhite and the Seven Dwarfs, a high executioner complete with axe, devils, monkeys, court ladies, wooden soldiers, veiled ladies, flower sellers, and dozens of other novel costumes appeared to advantage on the gayly decorated Tennis Court over which a golden moon shone softly.

It is impossible to give a detailed description of all the events held aboard but we must mention an amusing affair called an Elephant Dinner (With the elephants used for decoration and not for steaks) which brought out much talent among cruise members. They transformed their tables in the dining saloon into jungle scenes, circuses, parades, and so forth—so cleverly done that the judges had a hard time deciding on the winners.

THOUSANDS of miles have been covered since we left New York.

Many are the ports we have visited, where we have seen things it is hard to believe exist, but—best of all—we have made hosts of friends.

So much to do—so much going on—Gym workouts, a Black and White Ball—an Oriental Pageant with all the glory and richness of Far Eastern Costumes making a marvellous sight—dinners and dances for Bobbie Burns birthday, St. Patrick's Day and similar events, singing songs when many voices go echoing over the silent sea—orchestral concerts—real old-time Sea Shanties sung by the ship's crew; the boarding of Neptune's Herald, an awesome, wet, seaweedy creature who comes up from the Briny Deep. At the "Crossing the Equator" Ceremonies the crew, dressed in weird costumes and headed by an impressive Neptune and his "lovely" wife, have a field day when cruise members are lathered, shaved, and dumped unceremoniously into the pool.

Then there is a Mermaid Ball, at which time the ladies do the choosing and the men have to wait to be asked to dance. And do the girls come into their own on that night!

The Country Fair, held on the Tennis Court is very gay, with

bring in a rider in addition to your verdict of accidental death," he concluded.

After a retirement of 20 minutes, the Jury returned, and gave the following verdict and rider: "We find that death was accidental, and should like to add a rider to express our disgust at the gross negligence of the landlord who has already allowed over a month to elapse without having personally seen that steps were taken to repair this particular tenement."

"At the same time, we deplore the fact that it is possible for landlords to allow their property to fall into such a dangerous state of disrepair. We further consider that wooden railings which are liable to rot, are not an adequate safeguard, and we would like this matter brought to the notice of the appropriate authority."

The Coroner said: "I heartily agree with every word of your verdict and rider and shall have the matter brought before the proper authority."

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Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra cond. by Idris Lewis; "The Waltz Dream"—Selection (C. Straus)...

De Groot and His Orchestra; "The Land of My Own Romance" (Smith-Herbert)... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; Waldfuehl Memories (arr. Finck)... De Groot and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Charlie Kunz (Piano) and Sydney Gustard (Organ).

Nola (Arndt); Funeral March Of A Marionette (Gounod)... Sydney Gustard at the Organ of Gaumont Palace Cinema, Chester; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 10; Intro: In the Middle of a Kiss; Check to Check; My Blue Heaven... Charlie Kunz (Piano); Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 10; Intro: Old Bohemian Town; Roll Along Covered Wagon; She wore a little jacket of blue; Charlie Kunz (Piano); Musical Comedy Medley...

Sydney Gustard playing on the Organ of Gaumont Palace Cinema, Chester; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 14; 1.40 Tunes and Waltzes.

Cara Mari—Tango (Zaldeen); Monika—Tango (Kolscher)... Barnabas Von Gezy and His Orchestra; Brigitte—Waltz (Moretti); Cuckoo Waltz (Jonasson)... Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra; The Tango Of My Heart—Tango (Schmidesser); Dreams In Tango—Tango (Blanco)... Robert Remard Dance Orchestra; Espana Waltz (Waldfuehl); Throw Open Wide Your Window—Waltz (J. Strauss)... Sydney Kite and His Pleadingly Hotel Band; La Cancion De La Ribera—Tango... Orquesta Tango Victor; X Haces 21 Nevio!—Tango—Francisco J. Lomuto and His Orquesta Tipica; Raisins And Almonds—Waltz (Goldfaden-arr. Green); Rehearsing A Lullaby—Waltz (Sigler-Goodhart-Hoffman)... Phil Green and His Rhythm.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Elgar—Symphony No. 1 In A Flat Major, Op. 55.

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.

6.40 Closing Local Spot Quotations.

6.51 Songs by John McCormack (Tenor): Love's Secret (Blink-Bantock); O Gathering Clouds (arr. Bain)... with Piano accomp. by Edwin Schneider; In Sweet Content (Macdermaid-Sanderson); Ever In My Mind (Taylor Russell)... with Piano accomp. by Percy Kahn.

7.03 Marcel Mule (Saxophone). Le Cygne (Saint-Saens); Variations Sur Malborough (arr. Corbelli)... with Piano accomp. by Marcel Guyau; Sadko-Chanson Hindoue (Rimsky-Korsakov)... with Piano accomp.

7.12 A Programme of Dance Music. Quickstep—'I've Got A Pocketful Of Dreams' (film 'Sing You Sinners'); Slow Fox-Trot—'It May Be... Harry Roy and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain: Fox-Trots—Laugh And Call It Love' (film 'Sing You Sinners'); On The Dumpy Road To Love... Teddy Wilson and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Nan Wynn; Fox-Trots—'I'm Singing A Song For The Old Folks; Sing Your Cakes Away... The Organ, The Dance Band, and Me' (film same); That Night In Avalon... Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Fox-Trots—'Love's Old Sweet Melody; Any Broken Hearts To Mend... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me' (film same); Fox-Trots—'Two Sleepy People' (film 'Thanks for the Memory'); Quickstep—'Summer's End... Victor Silvester and His Ball-room Orchestra; Fox-Trots—'Why Doesn't Somebody Tell Me These Things, Don't Let That Moon Get Away... Jack Hylton and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Fox-Trots—'This is Madness... Russ Morgan and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Keteley—In Holiday Mood—Suite.

The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Clifford Greenwood.

8.15 London Relay—Empire Exchange.

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

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Science and Food

Twentieth century man has lost some of the optimism with which his recent ancestors were wont to welcome the progress of science. In its practical applications science appears all too frequently to be providing a new lethal weapon, a new noise of a new labour-saving device which throws out of work some fresh category of working men. The latest of the always diversified reports of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research provides an admirable antidote to such pessimism, for a considerable section of the report is devoted to the subject of human food and to the methods discovered for keeping it both palatable and wholesome. Twenty years ago Britain was faced with a serious shortage of food, owing to political conditions which, it is common knowledge, may recur. During the emergency a Food Investigation Board was established, and it is under the auspices of this organisation, which has survived and grown during the years of peace, that some of the most important problems of food storage have been solved.

Apart from preventing attacks by insects upon stored grain—a form of wastage which costs Britain at least £500,000 a year and still requires remedy—the report mentions three specific problems, the storage of apples and pears, the chilling of beef, and the keeping fresh of fish. Ten years ago the "gas-storage" of fruit was still in the experimental stage; 20 years ago the term was wholly unknown. To-day there are 3,000,000 cubic feet of storage provided to keep apples and pears fresh by this method. Less than six years ago the first consignment of chilled beef left New Zealand for London; in 1937 the two southern Dominions sent 750,000 hundredweight of beef carried in special chambers enriched with carbon-dioxide, and the process has allowed meat to arrive in far better, and certainly in far more palatable, condition than former methods of crude refrigeration allowed. Fish, again, which in present conditions can be kept really fresh only 10 to 12 days, has been experimentally preserved for as much as two years by new processes of "brine-freezing"—a point of which our sorely stricken fishing industry will, it is to be hoped, avail itself. With fish, with fruit, and to a lesser degree with butcher's meat, the problem of preserving food is not simply one of keeping it "good" during transport, but of using a seasonal product all the year round. In the past the scientific storage of food has chiefly helped the importer, but there is no reason why it should not help the home producer as well, as has the cognate development of canning. The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, a Government Department, has led the way, but it is for industry itself, as the report points out, to avail itself of the advances

A WORLD CRUISE!
How thrilling that sounds—and thrilling it is.

"What goes on aboard?" is a question asked everywhere, so for the benefit of those who have never had the great experience I will try to give a brief outline.

Let's leave New York at eleven a.m. on January 7.

The siren is shrieking. Those who have come to see the lucky-ones away and bid them "Bon Voyage" pour down the gangway to the shouts of "All Visitors ashore, please."

Streamers thrown from the high decks fall on the crowds waving on the dock as the ship slowly pulls away from the Pier to which she will return on May 14 after cruising 30,000 miles and visiting 29 ports.

WE STAY on deck to wave farewell to the Statue of Liberty and then go to our apartments to unpack, secretly admiring those dainty evening dresses and snappy sports clothes chosen so carefully.

Then out on the Promenade Deck to look our fellow passengers over, making mental notes of those we should like to meet. At seven the dressing chimes sound and we hurry to our stateroom wondering just what to wear—if everyone will be dressed for dinner and decide to dress anyway.

To the smart Cocktail Bar, where a cheery group is gathered and gratefully accept an invitation to join them. (We DO feel a bit lost at the moment).

Then dinner in the great Dining Saloon. We look the menu over. What a choice of food! Let's see . . . Some consommé perhaps—and a tiny piece of sole—so big. Now what? The attentive steward suggests chicken Maryland. Perfect! Ummm! some fresh green peas, and yes, a little cauliflower. No—no potatoes (Don't want to get fat!) then . . . Peach Melba. No—not even a savoury to-night. That's plenty. The dishes follow one another in quick succession as we chatter to table companions. All the food is delicious and we consume far too much for the good of our figure. The man on my right suggests coffee and liqueur in the Cathay Lounge. Yes, indeed, we'd love it.

At 9.30 the Dance Band draws us to the great Mayfair Lounge. The charming Social Directress approaches: bids us "welcome", makes a few introductions and away we whirl. Midnight! and so to bed.

WHERE DOES the time go? We've met hosts of people now and find we have many mutual friends. There is always something arranged for after-

noons and evenings but mornings are usually free, except Sundays when Holy Mass is celebrated in the Empress Room by the Roman Catholic Chaplain and Divine Service in the Mayfair Lounge by the Church of England Chaplain. We attend Divine Service and see the Choir, consisting of smart little bellboys and a few other members of the crew file in one door, while the laundry girls file in the other, taking their places on either side of the Table draped in a Union Jack. Then comes the Chaplain followed by some of the senior officers. It is quite impressive and we feel we are in a real Church.

IN A FEW DAYS the weather grows warmer and the decks are filled with people taking their daily dozen, sitting in deck chairs, chatting in little groups, or just gazing over the side and drinking in the fresh breezes.

A number of smart costumes take my eye. One charming older woman, immaculately groomed, is wearing a rose beige wool dress under a top coat that matches perfectly, with a hat of exactly the same shade crowning her beautifully waved white hair. Another, a dashing brunette, is wearing blue slacks, blue pullover and a quaint little crownless blue felt hat. A blonde in pearl grey knit with touches of coral, is the cynosure of all eyes. There are many smart knitted costumes but sport dresses in flannel seem to be the most popular.

UP ON the Tennis Court a fast match is under way; the girls clad in shorts and shirts and the men in slacks and sweaters.

There is quite a "gallery" who cheer lustily at the winning point and all join the players for a "Quick one" in the Tennis Court Cafe. On the Sun Deck quoits and shuffleboard are in progress, while on the Sports Arena two sporting games of Deck Tennis are fought to a finish.

We wander down to the Library to choose a book and find half a dozen others on the same errand. At the writing tables three cruise members are scribbling industriously—diaries, no doubt. Strains of "Melody in F" come from the Mayfair where the Tea Concert is in progress so we sink down in a big easy chair to listen and sip tea. This "afternoon tea" becomes a habit and we soon know when it is four o'clock by that strange longing for "the cup that cheers".

Five o'clock! Off to the movies in the Empress Room which last until 6.15. Still time for a swim before dinner! We slip into our snappiest bathing suit and down to the Olympian Pool to join the jolly group of swimmers, divers, and those who just splash.

THERE HAVE been many delightful events. A general reception at which the Cruise Director and his staff met the cruise members. (Note we are cruise members and not just passengers). Then a Tea for the Younger Set. A Cocktail Party for the Bachelors, and informal Tea Dance, followed by a jolly "Get-Together" Dinner and Dance. Early in the cruise dancing classes are held so that those who are shy about appearing on the ballroom floor may

"brush up" their dancing. In addition, lessons are given in the Lambeth Walk, the Palais Glide, Eleanor Glide, and so forth.

"Won \$20 at Keno" confides a newly-found friend. "Let's celebrate with a drink." And that's how it goes, so many charming and friendly people. In my apartment I find an invitation to a Cocktail Party to be held in the Card Room; about forty are invited, convivial souls—all chattering at once.

Feel a bit "let-down" to-day for no earthly reason, so off to the Turkish Bath, then to the smart Beauty Parlour for a shampoo, wave, facial, and manicure, and come out feeling "on top of the world." "Woman—thy name is vanity" said a very wise man once upon a time!

There are plenty of Bridge lovers aboard and the Bridge Parties held in the Empress Room are well attended with nice prizes for the winners. Horse and Yacht Racing on the after deck are always fun, with the betting fast and furious. Two small bellboys throw the dice and sailors move the horses or yachts.

Find I have mislaid my cold cream. Must visit the Shop to see if they have my favourite brand. Yes, they have! And what a variety of other things . . . all the way from a package of pins to a fully fitted dressing case.

THE DAY of our arrival at lovely Madeira a Treasure Hunt was held, with everyone so busy attempting to "discover" the treasure we had quite a shock when looking to port we "discovered" the island quite close.

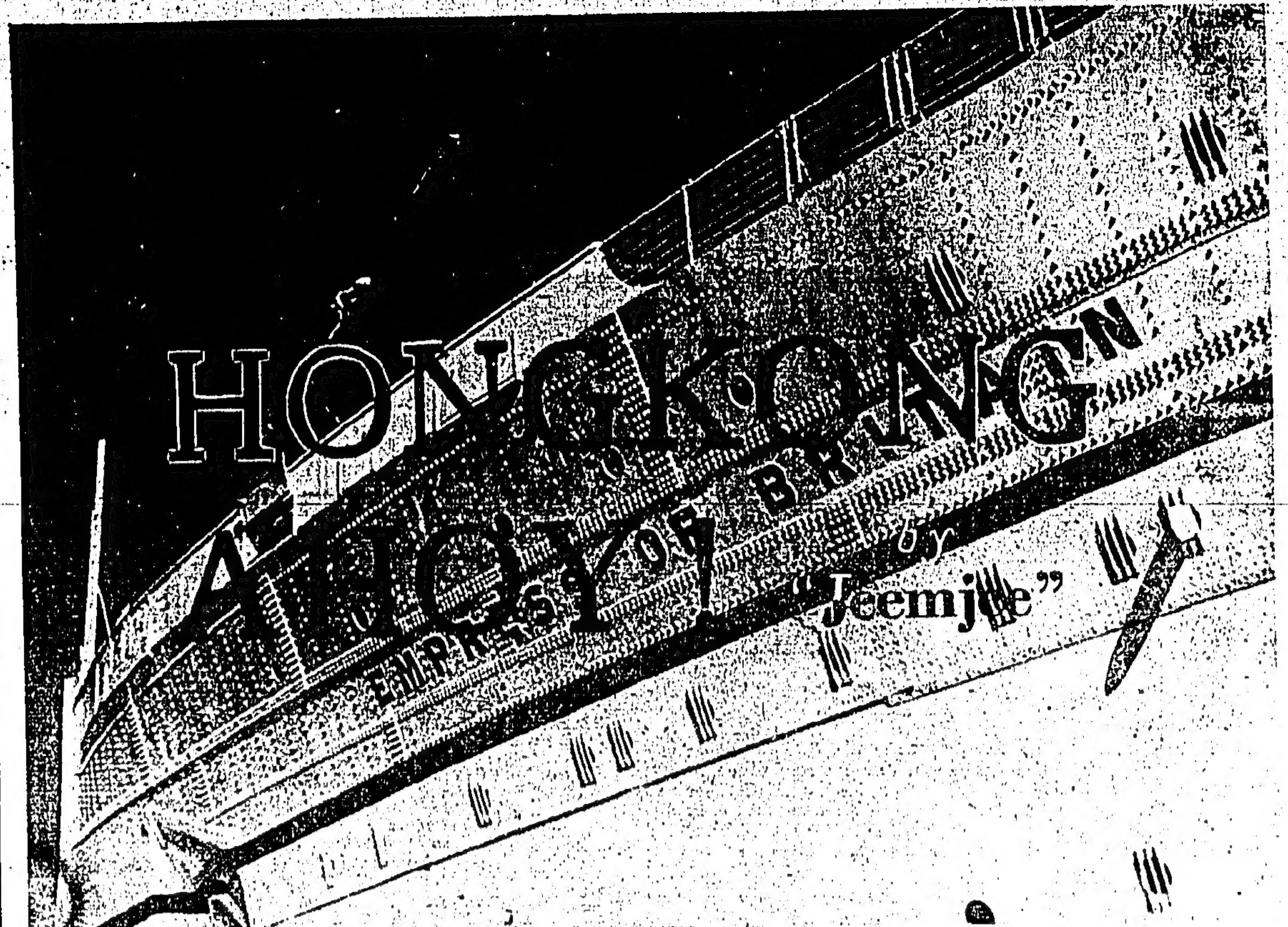
Ports of call are frequent in the Mediterranean and the days at sea are always welcomed to give us a chance to rest up. Before each port an Illustrated Talk is given by the Cruise Lecturer, and most instructive they are.

Cocktail parties are now the thing when anywhere from twenty to a hundred congenial souls gather for a "get together" before dinner. And the Sports Tournaments are "going strong" with many a hard fought battle taking place.

Up to Suez woollen sports clothes and dark evening things were "just right" but now thin voiles, smart printed cottons, and shady hats are the thing with wispy evening dresses of fine lace, net, tropical crepe and so forth the correct wear. The men have changed also, and very smart they look in their white evening jackets.

The Outer Pool has replaced the Olympian in popularity and Mermals and Mermen in the briefest of suits are acquiring a golden tan as they laze around the deck between dips in the pool. Such fun! Someone brings along a Victrola and all join in the choruses of the latest popular songs. There are two orchestras aboard—one for dancing and one for classical music. We

(Continued on Page 5.)



GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Stop being rude and interrupting mother, Lucy—I can't hear a thing they're saying at the other table!"

OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGE

India

GANDHI'S
LONG FAST
AT AN ENDThe Mahatma Gains His
Political Point

Rajkot, Mar. 7.
The dispute between Gandhi and the ruler of Rajkot was settled this morning and ended Gandhi's fast. Agreement was reached following a period of almost continuous consultations between Rajkot and New Delhi. The morning's moves included an interview between the Viceroy and Gandhi's secretary, Mahadev Desai, and a visit to Gandhi by Mr. E. Gibson, Resident of the Western States. Later Mr. Gibson sent Gandhi a letter from the ruler of Rajkot. Gandhi opened the letter and smiled. At 8.55 a.m. G.M.T. Gandhi broke his fast with a glass of orange juice.—*Reuter*.

Cabinet Meets

London, Mar. 6.
An emergency meeting of members of the Cabinet at 10, Downing Street to-day discussed urgent representations from Lord Linlithgow on the possible repercussions of Gandhi's fast.—*United Press*.

Terms of Agreement

Bombay, Mar. 7.
The basis of the settlement is that the ruler of Rajkot will implement his promise regarding the constitution of the Advisory Council of Rajkot State. If there is any doubt about these promises, they will be submitted to a high judicial authority for decision.—*Reuter*.

To Visit Viceroy

New Delhi, Mar. 7.
The Viceroy has invited Gandhi, as soon as he is fit to travel, to go to New Delhi in order to have personal discussions in the Rajkot dispute. Gandhi has accepted the invitation.

It is reported that the Viceroy has assured Gandhi that the ruler of Rajkot will carry out his promised reform of Rajkot State.

Civil disobedience prisoners in Rajkot have been released, including Mrs. Gandhi.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1889.
In publishing the details of Mr. Chuter's proposed reclamation of the Praya, today, we venture to express the opinion that if ever the scheme were carried out, it would be private enterprise and on similar lines to submitted to the Hongkong Government by its projector. To any person whose vision is not warped by self-interest, dense ignorance, or petty spite, nothing could possibly be clearer than the absolute certainty that this reclamation of the Praya foreshore will prove an invaluable boon to the entire colony. Briefly stated, it will improve the general health, provide suitable residences, offices, and warehouses at reasonable rents, greatly facilitate the shipping business of the port by allowing vessels to lie alongside a line of wharves extending from the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank to the Gas Works, and permit a tramway line to effectively bring the eastern and western districts within easy reach of the centre of the town, thus opening up building sites in the vicinity of Causeway Bay, and along the Shau-ki-wan Road. It must also lead to a further extension of the Praya by the Government from Murray Wharf in an almost direct line to Whitefield Station, clearing away the present unhealthy district along the Wanchai foreshore, and opening the gate to numerous improvements which have long been recognised.

The town of Pisa has become bankrupt. The Rialto, in referring to the matter, says that an Italian banking house proposes to put a man in possession of the Hotel de Ville. To avert this, a genius in an Italian paper suggests a lottery with the Leaning Tower as the first prize. An insolvent town with a man in possession would certainly be a novelty.

The Northern Territory Times says: Owing to the decision arrived at by the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company and the China Navigation Company to raise the fares for Chinese passengers from Port Darwin to Hongkong, from £5 to £8, a meeting of Chinese residents at Port Darwin was held, at which it was decided not to allow Chinese to travel by vessels owned by the offending companies.

25 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1914.
Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that attention has been excited in Germany by an article in the *Koelnische Zeitung* denouncing the new Russian Cabinet as being anti-German and asserting that the immense new Russian armaments are directed against Germany. Although semi-official approval of the article is disclaimed it is con-

United States

NEED FOR
UNITED
FRONT

To Meet Aggression

New York, Mar. 7.
Naval action by the United States in the event of aggression by Fascist Powers on Britain or France, is advocated by Mr. Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of State, in a letter to the *New York Times*. "Almost any moment an armed attack may be aimed by Fascist Powers against Britain or France. Such an attack, from present appearances, would be co-operated in by all three Fascist Powers. Defence against such joint action in Europe or Asia could only be securely accomplished by common action of the naval power of the three large democracies, including the United States. Should any one of these attempts to remain isolated, the result would be ultimate disaster to them all."

"On the other hand, conviction on the part of Fascist Powers that such common action is contemplated would have a most potent influence in preventing the attack altogether."

"To-day an aggressive group more powerful in the air and on land than France or Britain have combined sufficient strength on the sea probably to pin down the British and French fleets to European waters, leaving exposed to the powerful Japanese fleet the whole Western Pacific Ocean, including Australia, New Zealand and even Western Canada, as well as Singapore which is the key to the protection of those regions."

"It is far from inconceivable that a threatened or devastated France or Britain or Holland might be forced to cede to the Fascist nations some of its possessions in the western hemisphere or Orient, or make commitments which may be even more dangerous for our safety."

"Would our position be bettered by idly waiting for this to happen? To-day the German mailed fist has far less velvet concerning it than during the 10 years preceding 1914. It is not the time for America to forget the lessons of such a recent past."

The *New York Times*, in a leading article, approves the policy proposed by Mr. Stimson. Such policy for the United States does not require alliances abroad but consultation with other law-abiding nations on tactics of self-defence.—*Reuter*.

Refuge For Jews

Territory In
British Guiana
Is Available

New York, Mar. 6.
Dr. Paul A. Zahl, the Union College scientist, to-day suggested that his newly discovered "Lost World" in the heart of British Guiana, be developed as a home for European refugees.

Dr. Zahl discovered the territory during a four months tour and said that it comprises a group of towns in which Indian inhabitants live and live harmoniously without warfare or strife for which Dr. Zahl named it "Shangri La." He said that the territory was primitive and uncultivated but he believed that it could be developed into a perfect refuge.

PRESIDENT HONOURED

Washington, Mar. 6.
President Roosevelt to-day appealed for a brotherhood between Jews and Christians in the spirit of "our common Biblical heritage." The statement was made while accepting a medal presented by a distinguished committee of Jews, Protestants and Catholics for his efforts in promoting understanding between Jews and Christians.—*United Press*.

sidered that it foreshadows fresh military and naval demands.

There were six hundred delighted spectators of the pictures shown at the Wigwag Tennis Club, Kowloon, last night, by the Variety Film Exchange of Kowloon. The drawing picture was, of course, the one showing the races at Happy Valley, but other good pictures shown. The weather played its little tricks with gusts of wind that slightly disturbed the curtain, at times putting it just out of focus, but this in no way marred the show. A special string orchestra was in attendance and the large Special collapsible chairs were provided. It is to be hoped that this worthy effort at catering for the public need will be appreciated to the full.

10 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1929.
An emotional oration calling for the realisation of the ideal of the American people, but dealing largely with the promotion of peace in the world at large was delivered by President Hoover, after taking the oath of office as the Chief Executive of the United States at Washington yesterday.

5 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1934.
A state of alarm, amounting virtually to martial law, was proclaimed throughout Spain to-night following a succession of reports to the Ministry of the Interior concerning the unrest in the provinces.

No Conscription
In Australia

Melbourne, Mar. 7.
The All Australia Trade Union Congress to-day passed a resolution opposing compulsory conscription and training but supporting voluntary services.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Japan

NAVY'S
BUDGET
EXPLAINED

Two-Power Standard

Tokyo, Mar. 7.
The naval rearmament plan extending over five to six years is designed to secure supremacy in the Western Pacific in connection with the execution of Japan's national policy for the construction of a new order in East Asia, competent observers point out. The present plan, which calls for a total expenditure of Yen 1,604,000,000, represents what may be called the fourth replenishment following the abrogation of the Washington Treaty and the failure of the London Disarmament conference. The two most important points in the new armament plan are the building of ships and expansion of air force, observers indicate. The prime importance is given to the fleet building scheme which calls for about 70 per cent. of the total expenditure of Yen 1,205,000,000. The air force expansion plan calls for a total expenditure of Yen 300,000,000 in a period of five years.

Added to the appropriations provided for by the general budget, which has already been approved by the Diet, the fleet building expenditure in running accounts include Yen 299,874,000 for 1939, Yen 365,600,000 for 1940, Yen 384,850,000 for 1941, and Yen 384,185,000 for 1942.

The fleet building expenses earmarked in the new rearmament plan alone spreading over six years include Yen 60,500,000 for 1939, Yen 119,250,000 for 1940, Yen 209,785,000 for 1941, Yen 384,185,000 for 1942, Yen 290,000,000 for 1943, and Yen 62,330,000 for 1944.

The expenditure for the improvement of equipments spreading over five years totals Yen 183,321,000 consisting of Yen 49,008,000 for 1939, Yen 79,483,000 for 1940, Yen 44,300,000 for 1941, Yen 11,640,000 for 1942 and Yen 3,980,000 for 1944.

The expenditure for the expansion of the naval air force totalling Yen 300,000,000, includes Yen 56,511,000 for 1939, Yen 109,000,000 for 1940, Yen 72,850,000 for 1941, Yen 60,450,000 for 1942, and Yen 29,000,000 for 1943.—*Domel*.

Two-Power Standard
Tokyo, Mar. 7.

A barrage of questions regarding the "Two-Power standard" in military armament with the Soviet Union and China as the objectives of simultaneous operations, was posed against the War Minister, Lieutenant General Itagaki, in the Budgetary Committee meeting of the House of Representatives on the extraordinary military budgets this afternoon.

Included in the questions raised were whether the "Two-Power standard" of armament would be maintained with troops stationed on the Continent simultaneously against the Soviet Union and China, whether troops would be stationed in Inner Mongolia which is regarded as a special anti-Communist area, or whether appropriations for preparations against simultaneous frontal attacks with the Soviet Union and China were included in the extraordinary military budget.

War Minister Itagaki stated that Japan's national defence policy aimed at dealing a crushing blow to the Chiang Kai-shek regime and maintaining peace and order in the occupied area in China on the one hand, and securing her national defence against the Soviet Union on the other.

War Minister Itagaki re-affirmed that a considerable strength of troops would be stationed in China for a prolonged period for the double purpose of conducting frontier operations and maintaining peace and order in the occupied area. He declined, however, to divulge the disposition of such troops.—*Domel*.

PACIFIC RELATIONS

Imperial Conference May
Be Held Soon

Melbourne, Mar. 7.
A hint that an early Imperial Pacific Conference between Britain, Australia and New Zealand may be held is given in an editorial in the *Melbourne Herald*. The paper says that conversations have already begun between Australia and New Zealand.

It is suggested that the conference could formulate defence plans and indicate the degree of financial and other responsibility which each country is willing to accept.—*Reuter*.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?
anasin
assassin
assassin
populjay
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

Shanghai

ATTACK
MADE ON
"PUPPET"Settlement Tension
Continues

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
Chu Kan-ling, 45-years-old chief of the Nanhai Customs Station of the "Reformed Government" narrowly escaped death yesterday when two unidentified Chinese armed with pistols broke into his residence on Connaught Road in the extra Settlement area.

Visiting Chu's residence at 7.40 a.m. the intruders demanded the family to take them to Chu. Forcing their way into Chu's bedroom, the gunmen emptied their arms at the inmate.

Mr. Chu buried himself in his bedclothes and escaped injury.—*Domel*.

Tension in Settlement

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
Tension prevailed in the International Settlement to-day when Japanese gendarmes and police surrounded the Municipal Council Japanese station in Yangtzepoo in the eastern sector, demanding the release of alleged terrorists who fled into the premises of the police station.

Japanese gendarmes raided a shelter of terrorists in Yangtzepoo under Japanese control and fired up five inmates. Led by one of them, the gendarmes proceeded to arrest the ringleader.

The latter, named Wang, however, fled into the premises of the Yulin Station of the Municipal Council Police. Several Japanese gendarmes visited the police station and asked chief officers to hand the suspect over to them in accordance with the newly-concluded agreement between the Municipal Council and the Japanese authorities.

The Municipal Council police officers refused to comply with the demand. Moreover, one of the five alleged terrorists who fled the Japanese to the station was also taken into the premises.

Deputy-Commissioner Akagi of the Municipal Council Police intervened in the meanwhile and finally the minds in question were handed over to the Japanese. The Japanese marines then withdrew.—*Domel*.

Gambling House Warned

Chungking, Mar. 7.
Gambling houses and casinos dens at Tsukidai in Pootung have all been warned by Chinese guerrillas.

The warning was given either in letters or verbally by guerrilla members who called on the owners openly, exhorting them to suspend their evil enterprises and refrain from giving financial aid to the Japanese. One of the opium dens named Chen was arrested and taken to the headquarters of the guerrillas. He was released after signing a statement of repentance.—*Central News*.

Chinese Body Found

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
The Police have discovered a decapitated Chinese body on Yulin Road. The head was found near the body. The body has not been identified so far. This is the fifth decapitation case this week.—*United Press*.

Another Attack

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
An unidentified assailant, who managed to escape, shot Chen Sing-min, prominent lawyer, in the leg as he was walking in Sinza Road to-day with a friend.

Chen was taken to the Paulun Hospital. His condition is not serious.—*United Press*.

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
The American Association will nominate Mr. Cornell S. Franklin and Mr. Albert C. Cornish as the United States candidates for the Municipal Council election scheduled for April 12 and 13.—*United Press*.

SUN YAT SEN

Pictures Permitted By
Puppet Regime

Peiping, Mar. 7.
The Japanese military headquarters has let it be known that pictures of Sun Yat-sen in possession of schools, institutions and citizens can be kept in the early days of the Japanese occupation all such pictures were ordered to be destroyed.

The new tolerance towards the "Father of the Revolution" tends to reinforce current reports that the "New Kuomintang Government" as outlined recently is at present the most popular scheme for breaking the military and political deadlock.—*United Press*.

PUPPET IN HAICHOW

Commissioner To Look After
Peace Maintenance

Haichow, Mar. 7.
Three days after the Japanese forces occupied the town, the Provisional Peace Maintenance Commission of the District of Tungshai (Haichow) was inaugurated at noon on Monday with Mr. Chang Li, principal of the Haichow Primary School, as Chairman and 30 other representative citizens as members. Chinese refugees are returning to the city from the outlying districts in increasing numbers.—*Domel*.

SIR ROBERT REID

Calcutta, Mar. 7.
The acting-Governor of Bengal, Sir Robert Reid, has undergone an operation for appendicitis. His condition is favourable.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Britain's Rich
Men

London, Mar. 7.
The report of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the last financial year reveals that the number of people liable to surtax rose from 91,392 to 95,750 during the year. Those who could be classed as millionaires, with incomes above £240,000, rose from 529 to 539. Total net surtax assessed from £53,761,932 to £57,301,475.—*British Wireless*.

FIERY
SPEECH BY
POLITICIANJapanese Urges More
Display Of Force

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
The one-legged Mr. Seigo Nakano, President of the Rightist Agrarian Political Party, from Tokyo, addressing the local Japanese community last night said: "Look at the Tokyo Foreign Office's attitude in the Panay incident, when Japan cut a ridiculous figure, making unnecessary apologies so hastily. In the West if you apologise you admit that you are wrong. So if Japan had not committed mistakes she had no need to apologise. When Japan occupied Canton I thought she should crush Hongkong with her mailed fist. The object of Japan's campaign in China is not only China but also Britain and America, who are Japan's real enemies."

"Japan does not need to worry about affairs in Europe since France and Britain are not in a position to send armies to the Far East. It would be better if Japan followed her military leaders, due to the fact that the politicians are obstructionists."

Mr. Nakano said that he told Hitler and Mussolini in personal interviews last year that "Germany must expand in central Europe and Italy expand in the Mediterranean thereby she will block Britain and Soviet Russia from the Orient." He said the Japanese Government should be "ashamed of itself for the cowardly of its diplomatic policy toward Britain and the United States."

Mr. Nakano urged the use of force to prevent British ships from supplying the Kuomintang with arms and munitions.

Mr. Nakano concluded that "the man most frightened over the Canton occupation was Sir Victor Sassoon who is silly trying to enjoin the Japanese financiers while en route to Shanghai."—*United Press*.

Canal Withdrawal
"Even after the fall of Hankow and Canton the Japanese troops are still marching through swamps and mud flats. Japan should not slacken her efforts, she must rush forward," declared Mr. Nakano during the debate.

"The positions of Japan and Britain in China are opposed to each other. The moment Japan should withdraw from China then Britain would extend her influence which would be tantamount to intensification of anti-Japanese activities. If Japan withdraws from China the sacred campaign would lose its meaning."

"The irresolute attitude of the Foreign Office at the time of the Panay incident has placed Japan in an unfavourable position, I venture to aver."

Mr. Nakano continued that Japan is in no danger of economic collapse. He advocated the use of force to control the International Settlement terrorists and also against the vessels of certain third Powers supplying the Kuomintang with arms and ammunition.—*United Press*.

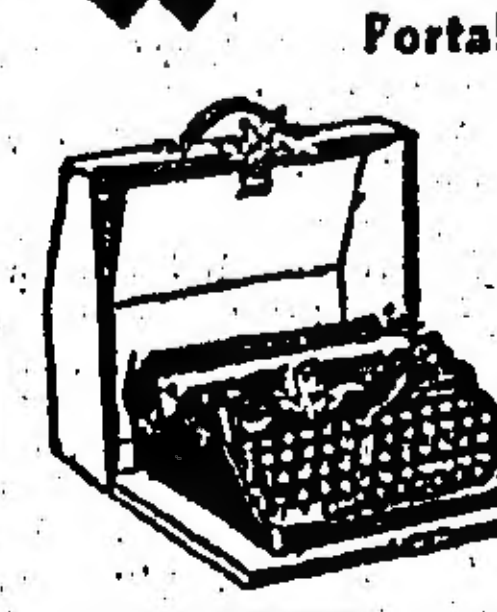
MACAO CELEBRATIONS

In Honour of Prince Henry
The Navigator

Festivities in honour of Prince Henry the Navigator have been announced for Saturday, the 54th anniversary of the birth of the Portuguese Prince, who was the son of King John I. of Portugal, and Queen Philippa, daughter of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. It was Henry who inaugurated the programme that enabled Portugal to expand beyond the seas.

The festivities include the naming of a road after Prince Henry. This ceremony will be conducted by Mr. Luciano Martins, Chairman of the Municipal Council. There will be an exhibition of books relating to the work of Prince Henry, in the Lyceum and the unveiling of a bronze statue in the same building.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

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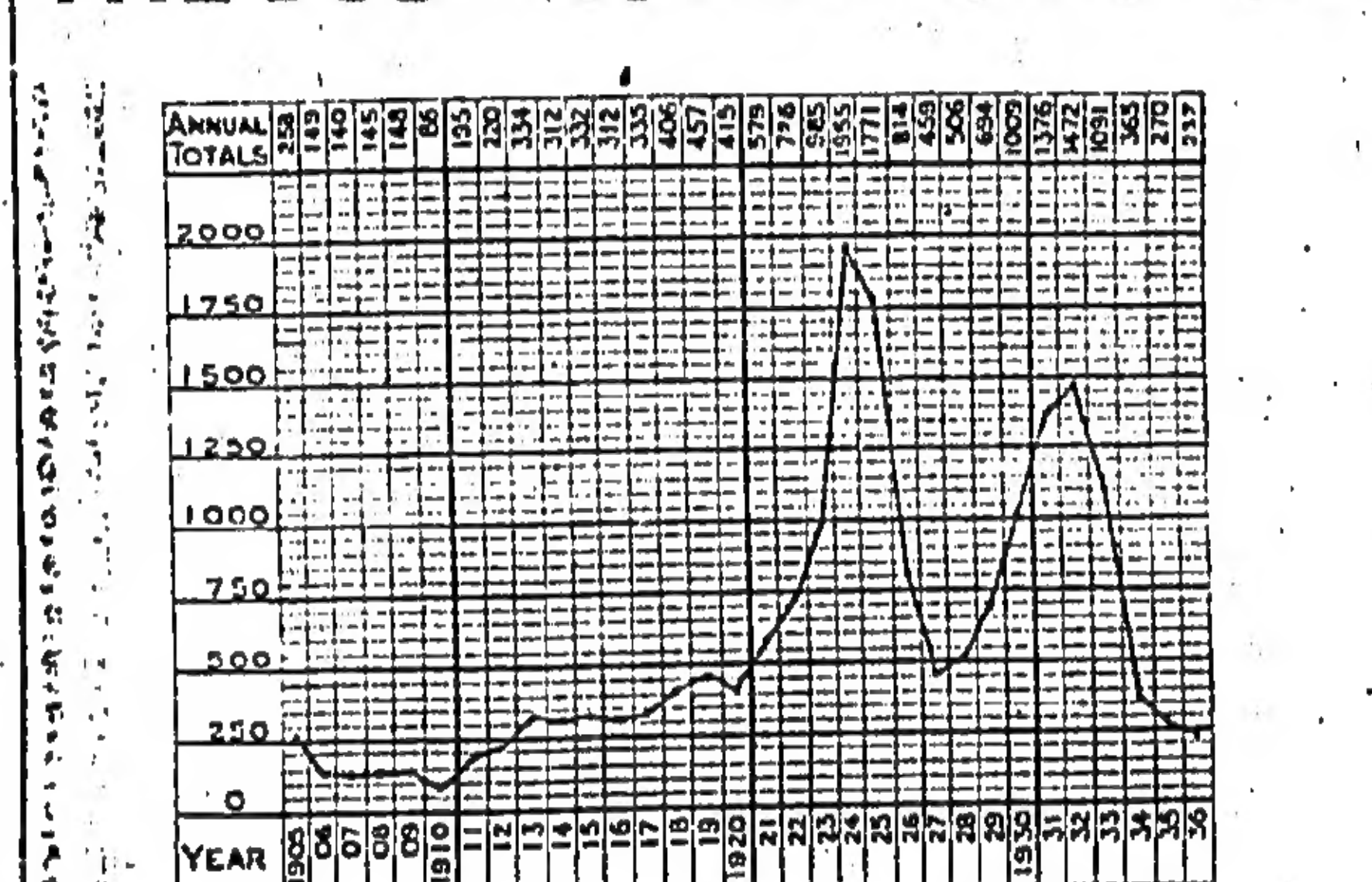


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FAIR STANDARD MAINTAINED IN TENNIS TOURNNEY

H. D. RUMJAHN, LAI KWONG-TSUN FULLY EXTENDED

(By "Abe")

Of the eight matches down for decision in the tennis championships at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday, only six were played, walk-overs being conceded by J. M. Tomlinson and W. A. Land to Lam Kwan and W. J. Howard respectively.

Land was watching the matches yesterday with his arm in a sling. He sustained an injury, I understand, in the Seven-a-Side Army Rugby Tournament last week, and will not be able to play tennis for some weeks.

While the standard of some of the matches was rather poor, a fairly high level of play was seen in others, particularly in the two singles ties between H. D. Rumjahn and Wong Fuk-nam, and between Lai Kwong-tsun and S. A. Gray.

As probably expected, Rumjahn and Lai won; but in each case they had to fight hard for their points. Wong's wonderful retrieving gave Rumjahn a much more difficult task than the Indian had. I am sure, bargained for, and but for his erratic phases, Gray might well have beaten Lai in straight sets.

A FORCEFUL GAME

Gray played a forceful game in the first two sets, and though he won many points with beautiful placements which often left his opponent standing, he was unfortunately too prone to make mistakes when he could least afford them. As a result, he was in most respects as good as his opponent, he lost the first set after ten games. A little set after steadiness at the right moment on his part might have seen the set swing the other way.

How well-matched the two players were in stroke production was demonstrated in the second set, which went to 10 games before Gray won it. While Gray was able to put in a great deal of pace in his drives from returns which kept fairly low, he was not nearly so successful when Lai sent over his high-bouncing drives which had to be carefully watched. After a period of uncertainty, however, Gray dealt with them fairly well, but found that when he advanced to the net he was almost invariably beaten by nicely-placed passing shots on both wings. Nevertheless after a dour struggle, Gray won the set at 9-7. This effort apparently had taken too much out of him and he was unable to produce his earlier form in the final set, which he lost to love.

RUMJAHN EXTENDED

If the score of 6-3, 6-4 indicates a comfortable victory for Rumjahn over Wong Fuk-nam, it is a false impression. The score rather belies the tightness of a struggle, the outstanding feature of which was Wong's lion-hearted retrieving of what appeared to be winners all the way. If for nothing else, Wong deserved to get more than seven games because of his pluck; but apart from this phase of his play, he also shone in his volleying and ground strokes, which were as steady, if not quite as pacy, as those of his opponent.

Many were the sustained rallies which ended finally in favour of the Chinese. Deep drives, smashes and angled volleys were returned unperturbably by Wong, and often Rumjahn was forced into making mistakes. But on the whole it was

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

OPEN SINGLES

Lai Kwong-tsun beat S. A. Gray, 6-4, 7-9, 6-0.
H. D. Rumjahn beat Wong Fuk-nam 6-3, 6-4.
Lee Wai-tong beat Y. C. Lau 6-0, 6-1.
Leung Ping-chiu beat Lee Chee-man 6-1, 6-3.
Lam Kwan received walk-over from J. M. Tomlinson.
W. J. Howard received walk-over from W. A. Land.

OPEN DOUBLES

E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson beat Pang Oi-lam and Wei Chung, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-2, 6-2.

Rumjahn who dictated terms, and because he was able to keep his attacking strokes under control, he deserved to win, though it would not have flattered his opponent in the least even if the match had gone to three sets.

The game certainly would have been closer had Wong not served so many double faults.

DULL MATCHES

The other singles matches were very dull indeed. Lee Wai-tong played only at half-speed against Y. C. Lau and yet was able to win with the loss of only one game in two sets. Leung Ping-chiu was never extended by Lee Chee-man.

The Tsui brothers, holders of the doubles title, had little difficulty in negotiating their first fence, beating T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould by 6-2, 6-2. A more even fight was that between E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson, and Pang Oi-lam and Wei Chung. The Hongkong C.C. pair, after conceding a closely-fought first set after 12 games, finally won out.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme of matches to-day:
Singles.—L. D. C. Misra v. Lee Yue-wing; W. Sander v. Chan Chik-keung; B. Szeto v. Firdos Khan; Marsland v. J. W. Leonard.
Doubles.—A. Crawford and R. T. Broadbridge v. Tsui Ping-fan and Ng Kam-chuen; L. J. S. Theobald and Capt. A. B. Whitman v. L. Col. L. A. Newham and Major F. T. Baynes; S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang; A. V. Remedios and J. Goncalves v. O. Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain.

Good "Sevens" Rugby Promised This Afternoon

POLICE TEAM MAY GO FAR BUT CLUB SIDE LOOKS WEAK

(By "Fly-Hall")

This afternoon, starting at 4.30 p.m. on the Club ground at Happy Valley, further matches in the first round of the Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament will be played off. To-day's games should be more attractive than those on Monday: not that Monday's were dull, but because some of the best sides are playing to-day.

It will cause no surprise if one of the teams to play this afternoon should win the Blarney Shield.

It looks as if the first game to be played will be the tit-bit of the evening's programme. Ever since the Police first put a team on the rugger field late in the season, they have been compelled to participate in friendly games and in this, the first competitive match for the players concerned, they will be keyed up to give of their best. Last year they went far in the competition, only to fall at the hands of Club "A". The ultimate winners of the Tournament.

The Police side reads as follows:—Oakley, Scarle, Henth, Luscomb, Fay, Wilson and Taylor. It does not appear to have a single weak point, so barring injuries they should go far. This afternoon they will have a stiff obstacle to overcome in the seven drawn from H.M.S. Birmingham. Last Saturday against the

Club, the Birmingham demonstrated that they were not lacking in talent and with such players as Cleave, Collins, Lewis, Dickey and McCann to draw from, they will be a formidable seven side.

ENGINEERS SHOULD WIN
The Royal Engineers, fresh from their success in the Army Sevens Tournament, will be expected to have the better of their tie with the Small Ships "B" team.

Small Ships "A" should, after a close struggle, overcome Club "A". The latter, fielding a weak side owing to the call made by the Hong on their players and also the absence, through injury of a few others, may count themselves lucky if they survive the first round. However, they have tradition behind them; for seldom has the Shield had an outside team's name inscribed on it. Middlesex "A" and Talkoo should have a very close game. Talkoo (Continued on Page 9.)



The Tsui brothers, above, had an easy passage in the first round of the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony yesterday when they defeated T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould. Tsui Wai-pui, who is also singles champion, is seen making a smash.—Staff Photographer.

Badminton

DOUBLES HOLDERS THROUGH

P. K. Hui and K. L. Yung, holders of the title, entered the semi-finals of the Men's Doubles Badminton Championships last evening when, at the Talkoo Club, they defeated the Club de Recreio pair, C.N. Silva and A. M. Silva. Though the undergraduates won in straight games, they were given a good tussle by their opponents, the scores being 15-11, 15-10 in favour of Hui and Yung.

As expected, M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, one of the best pairings in the Mixed Doubles League, accounted for D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson in the Mixed Doubles Championship, winning by 15-3, 15-6.

In the Junior Men's Singles, S. H. Boone beat Leslie Sung by 17-14, 15-2.

Grimsby Defeat Stoke City

London, Mar. 7.
In the First Division of the English Football League, Grimsby, at home, defeated Stoke City by 3-1 to-day.
In the First Division of the Scottish League, Clyde, at home, held Aberdeen to a draw, each side scoring once.—Reuter.

ERIC BOON NOW WANTS ARMSTRONG

London.
Eric Boon, a 19-year-old boxer who developed a punch by swinging a sledge in his father's blacksmith shop, wants lightweight champion Henry Armstrong.

Boon is lightweight champion of the British Empire. He can hit with both hands and is thinking seriously about invading the United States. When he does, he wants Armstrong. Boon concedes that Armstrong, with his crowding-hammering style, would worry any boxer, and he thinks the style is one that he can solve.

"I've seen Armstrong fight in the pictures," he said. "I like the way he comes to his man. His style is made-to-order for me. He sets a fast pace, but so do I." Despite his youth, Boon has had more than 200 fights. He won the British championship last December by knocking out Dave Crowley in the 13th round.

BEST IN 25 YEARS

Syd Hulse boxing promoter, regards Boon as the best British lightweight to come along in 25 years.

Boon's friends and handlers are having a hard time getting him to concentrate upon the immediate future, instead of thinking ahead to a bout with Armstrong. All during the negotiations for the Danahar bout Boon was thinking and talking about a crack at Armstrong.

Strangely, it is neither Armstrong nor Joe Louis whom Boon admires most among the American boxers. It is Max Baer, the former world heavyweight champion. "Of all the American fighters I've seen I like Baer best," he said. "How he can punch and what a personality." Boon has since defended his

courageous driving, and Valentine 4. The Springboks were on their toes the whole time, Gordon and Langton bowling inspiredly on a wicket which was giving some assistance but was not difficult.

AMES HOLDS FORT

After tea there was a crowd of 9,000 on the ground to watch the play.

Ames, with powerful driving off all the bowlers, reached his 50 after 97 minutes' batting, having hit five fours in the process. His partnership with Valentine had yielded 58 in 51 minutes. Then Valentine was stumped by Grieverson off Dalton after scoring 26. The total was now 229 for six wickets.

Verity, next man in, saw the score being taken to 245 and then he was bowled by Dalton. His contribution was three.

At 268 for seven, stumps were drawn owing to bad light. Ames had 82 not out and Wright five not out. Ames had been batting magnificently and was at the wicket for 155 minutes for his runs, which included seven fours.

Scores:
South Africa.—1st Inn. 530.
M.C.C.—1st Inn.
Hutton, run out 38
P. A. Gibb, c Grieverson, b 4
Newson 02
Paynter, b.w., b Langton 02
W. R. Hammond, st. Grieverson, b Dalton 24
Ames, not out 82
Edrich, c Rowan, b Langton 1
B. H. Valentine, st. Grieverson, b Dalton 28
Verity, b Dalton 3
Wright, not out 5
Extras 23
Total (for 7 wickets) 268

Fall of wickets:—1 (Gibb) for 8; 2 (Hutton) for 61; 3 (Hammond) for 121; 4 (Paynter) for 129; 5 (Edrich) for 171; 6 (Valentine) for 229; 7 (Verity) for 245.

CRICKET TOURISTS IN A BAD POSITION IN THE FINAL TEST

The M.C.C. are at the moment in a very unfavourable position in the Fifth and Final Cricket Test against South Africa now being played at Durban. Against the South Africans' total of 530 in the first innings, the Englishmen had scored 268 for seven wickets at close of play yesterday. Leslie Ames, with 82 not out, is the tourists' main hope of narrowing down the margin between the two scores.

Durban, Mar. 7.
The heavy rainfall yesterday, which necessitated the drawing of stumps earlier than usual on the third day of the Final Test match, lasted until early this morning. Consequently the wicket was damp.

L. Hutton 24 and Paynter 9 resumed their place at the wicket before a crowd of 1,500 in overcast weather. Both batsmen showed extreme caution in bringing the overnight score of 35 to 50, which took a total of 122 minutes to make.

With the score at 64 Hutton was run out owing to a misunderstanding. He drove Gordon and started to run, then waved Paynter back but Paynter continued to run. Van Der Byl returned the ball from mid-on and Hutton was run out by yards.

He scored 38 and batted for 124 minutes.

Hammond joined Paynter and they carried the score to 62-2 when the

lunch interval arrived. Paynter had scored 28 and Hammond 11.

Afternoon's Play

The crowd had increased to 4,000 after lunch, with the weather dull and cool.

The 100 went on the board after 210 minutes of play. Paynter had survived two appeals for l.b.w. by Newson.

Hammond was stumped by Grieverson off Dalton, 128-3. He attempted to drive and was beaten by a sharp off-break. His score of 24 was made in 94 minutes.

Paynter was out eventually l.b.w. to Langton when he was trapped by a back-break, 169-4. He scored 62 including three boundaries, in 360 minutes.

Ames was joined by Edrich, but the latter, after scoring a single, faced Langton to give an easy catch to Rowan at silly mid-on, 171-5.

The score was brought to 184-6 at tea time, Ames having scored 38 by



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NO THRILLS IN ARSENAL V. WOLVES GAME —

Defences Supreme from Start to Finish

By Charles Buchan

Arsenal 0 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0
London, Feb. 2.
Those people who attended Highbury expecting a thriller were sadly disappointed. The meeting between Arsenal and the Wolves looked a goal-less draw right from the start.

So supreme were two of the best defences in the country that the real seducing openings made could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Arsenal had two, both missed by Drury, and the Wolves one, when McIntosh shot straight at Wilson near the end. For the rest, the defenders had the forwards in a grip that tightened the longer the game proceeded.

For the students of modern defensive tactics, organised to the last degree, the game provided all the lessons that could be required. For those who prefer spectacular raids, combination, clever dribbling and all the things that go to the making of an entertaining game, it was as dry as dust.

Wolves were the superior side because they had a better understanding between defence and attack and a half-back line that ruled the exchanges. Galley, Cullis and Gardiner were always on top of Arsenal's frail attack. On the few occasions they were beaten, Morris and Taylor stepped into the breach. They made Scott's job one long procession of free-kicks.

Arsenal's defence was just as effective, though in their case the backs were the strong pillars. Male was troubled by the trickery of Maguire in the early stages, but he managed to keep the Wolves in position to cut off the Wolves' attempted raids. They received able assistance from Bernard Joy, a real stopper, and Collett, a very sound deputy for the injured Coppinger.

The Arsenal half-back, however, were not in the same straits as those of the Wolves when it came to supporting the forwards. Galley and Cullis usually placed the ball to their forwards, but Collett and Crayston were content to send the ball forward without attempting to draw an opponent.

PRETTY, BUT USELESS

In their favour it must be said they received help from the attack. When they had the ball not one of the forwards moved into position. They waited for the ball to be sent to them. In contrast, the young Wolves forwards were always moving about, giving their half-backs the targets they needed. Though they moved the ball quickly and accurately, the young Wolves forwards lacked experience against such capable defenders. Some of their passing in the first half was pretty but it led nowhere. Male and Haggood were not to be caught out of position by crossfield passing.

In the first half Maguire looked an international; in the second he allowed the persistence of Male to discourage him. I thought Westcott, a dashing leader, the best of the line, with McIntosh a clever schemer. But as I thought with the Wolves' forwards. On a firm surface and against experienced opposition, they lack guile and footcraft.

Still, they were better together than Arsenal's unimaginative forwards. With the exception of a few efforts by Drake and neat touches by Lewis, there was absolutely nothing to distinguish the front rank. Bryn Jones and Drury usually made the orthodox move, and neither anticipated the run of the play. With Kirench held by Morris, Arsenal's attack would have been flattered if they had scored.

ARSENAL'S BEST ATTEMPTS

Drury should have done so with the two chances he had, both from long throws-in. In the first case he nodded the ball weakly over the bar; in the second he hurled himself at the ball when he should have steadied himself.

Arsenal's best attempts came from Crayston. In the first few minutes he went through like a flash and shot over the crossbar, while in the second half he repeated the performance. Then Crayston looked more like a forward than any of his front-rank colleagues.

The Wolves came nearest to scoring early in the second half when, following a corner-kick by Burton, Haggood headed Westcott's header from the goal-line. A little later, McIntosh shot across the goal with

Wilson beaten; a narrow escape. But usually, a goal was the last thing one expected from either side.

Arsenal: Wilson; Male; Haggood; Crayston, B. Joy, Collett, Drake, Drury, Lewis, Jones (B), Kirench.

Wolves: Scott, Morris, Taylor, Galley, Cullis, Gardiner, Burton, McIntosh, Westcott, Dorsett, Maguire.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR WEEK

The following are the League football fixtures arranged by the Hongkong Football Association for to-day and the week-end:

TO-DAY

First Division
South China "A" v. Royal Navy (Chowling Hill), 5 p.m. Referee, Hinchcliffe. Linesmen, Baker and Benham.

SATURDAY, MAR. 11
Senior Shield Semi-final
South China "A" v. Eastern (Sookunpo), 4 p.m. Referee, Goss. Linesmen, Dove and Phillips.

First Division
Hongkong F.C. v. Kwong Wah (Hongkong F.C.), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Omar. Linesmen, Farr and Stone.

Police v. Kowloon (Boundary St.), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Ip. Linesmen, Demme and Smith.

Second Division
R. Engineers v. St. Joseph's (Military), 4.30 p.m. Referee, McGrew. Hongkong F.C. v. Middlesex (Hongkong F.C.), 3 p.m. Referee, Hinchcliffe.

R. Scots v. South China (Sookunpo), 2.30 p.m. Referee, Edwards. Police v. Kowloon (Boundary St.), 3 p.m. Referee, Clarke.

SUNDAY, MAR. 12
First Division
Eastern v. St. Joseph's (Hongkong F.C.), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Glover. Linesmen, Hartley and Barretto.

R. Scots v. South China "B" (Sookunpo), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Ford. Linesmen, Wyper and Horlock.

Third Division (A)
Runner-up Play Off
30th R.A. v. South China (Hongkong F.C.), 3 p.m. Referee, Havelaar.

Second Division
R.A.O.C. v. 5th R.A. (Sookunpo), 3 p.m. Referee, Adlam.

Interesting Rugby Promised To-Day

(Continued from Page 8)

have some good players upon whom to rely. Rutherford will probably be content with the scrum-half position, with Hutchison outside to him. Cessford, if fit to play, will be a valuable acquisition on the Tinkoo team.

The ties to-day are:
H.M.S. Birnam v. Police "A" (4.30 p.m.)
R.E. v. Small Ships "B" (4.30)

Small Ships "A" v. Club "A" (5.10)
Middlesex "A" v. Tinkoo (5.30)

Admission to the games is only 50 cents for all stands with Servicemen in uniform at half-price.

Budge Beats Vines In Final Game

Montreal, Mar. 7.
Donald Budge beat Ellsworth Vines 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 in the final match of their professional lawn tennis tour. Budge won the series 22 to 17 matches.

Gate receipts of the tour totalled £40,000, and Budge's share exceeds the guaranteed £15,000.—Reuter.



Robert Young, Simone Simon and Don Ameche (top, left to right) are the three delightful stars in "Josette," now showing at the King's Theatre. Bert Lahr and Joan Davis (lower right) help the film along.

National Tournaments For Amateur Golfers

LARGEST SPORTING COMPETITIONS IN THE WORLD

The popular tournaments for men and women golfers promoted by The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post will be continued this year. These tournaments, which attracted nearly 100,000 entries in 1938, are the largest sporting competitions in the world.

No fewer than 1,055 clubs entered in the men's competition last year, and 678 clubs affiliated to the Ladies' Golf Union took part in the women's event.

There is only one alteration of importance in the conditions of play for the men's tournament, which is open to all amateur golfers who are not less than 18 years of age and who hold an official handicap of not less than six on March 1 at a club which has been allotted a standard scratch score by the English or Welsh Golf Unions.

Last year two handsome pint tankards were presented to each club for the winners of the qualifying round. It happened that some of the qualifying round winners were unable to compete in the District Finals, and their places were taken by the runners-up.

In deference to the strongly expressed wishes of the clubs concerned it has been decided that the tankards will be taken by the club's representatives in the District Final, and that if a qualifying round winner finds it impossible to represent his club in a District Final, he must retire in favour of the next available player, who will be entitled to the tankard prize under Rule 13.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Josette" (King's Theatre, to-day.)

—Josette (Simone Simon) substitutes for a temperamental French singer and is immediately besought by Don Ameche and Robert Young, who, quite naturally, think she is the Josette who has been fascinating their playboy father. The baby-faced French star sings several songs with her pleasant little pipe voice in a comedy which will do as well as anything to pass an entertaining evening. Bert Lahr and Joan Davis supply some comic moments.

"The Great Waltz" (Queen's Theatre, to-day.)—A bit too elephantine, but Julien Duvivier has managed to slip in a few of his characteristically brilliant flourishes. The characters and story are forgotten in the maze of the Strauss music, to hear which of course is what music-lovers go to see this picture for. Lulise Rainer, Fernand Gravet and others made the plot sound plausible.

"Snow White" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day.)—This already well-known picture has been brought back for one day. Those who have not yet seen this, the best example of Walt Disney's art, should not miss the opportunity.

"White Banners" (Oriental Theatre, to-day.)—Sentimental inspiration drama which takes on a certain nobility through the excellent performances of its principal characters. Fay Bainter is the serving woman who enters a household on a cold winter morning and remains to become a firm counsellor and a strong defence against adversity when it arrives. Claude Rains and Kay Johnson have the other leading roles.

"South Riding" (Majestic Theatre, to-day.)—A successful British picture, in which acting honours go to Edna Best and Ralph Richardson—also Ann Todd and Edmund Gwenn.

"Love and Hises" (Cathay Theatre, to-day.)—That old feud between Walter Winchell and Ben Bernie revived once again, and this time they are aided by Simone Simon. Entertaining picture.

A. S. Samuel Beats English Champion

London, Feb. 25.

A. S. Samuel, the Selangor land-minton player, won the Sussex Championship at Hove.

He beat the All-England champion, R. C. Nichols, in the second round 15-6, 15-6.

Samuel has won these titles in Great Britain: All-Ireland, Worthing, Kent, Eastbourne, Leicester; Nottingham and Sussex.

Cricket Club Teams Chosen

The following have been selected to play for the Hongkong C.C. in League matches against Craighower C.C. on Saturday:

First XI (Home).—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), T. A. Pearce, L. T. Ride, J. L. C. Pearce, J. L. Halsey, C. D. N. Walker, M. F. L. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee, J. H. Fox, D. S. Blake, A. K. Mackenzie.

Second XI (Away).—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, C. M. Stark, D. S. Robb, C. E. R. Divett, H. J. Armstrong, N. P. Fox, R. M. M. King, H. J. D. Lowe, V. C. Bond, G. S. Lovett, D. O. Parsons (12th man).

SQUASH CHAMPION
At Queen's Club to-day, Miss Margaret Lumb, the British Wightman Cup tennis player, won the English Women's Squash Rackets championship for the fifth successive year, beating Miss Susan Noel, ex-champion, by 9-6, 8-1, 9-7.—Reuter.

Between Walter Winchell and Ben Bernie revived once again, and this time they are aided by Simone Simon. Entertaining picture.

Lawn Bowls Association Has Had A Good Year

Despite a deficit of \$665 shown in the Interport account, Mr. L. A. Gutierrez, Hon. Treasurer of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, reported to the Council, which met yesterday in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, that the financial year had been very successful, and that the actual difference in the bank account was just over \$50. Mr. A. Hyde Lay was in the Chair, supported by Mr. C. B. Hosking, Hon. Secretary.

The loss on the income and expenditure account, stated Mr. Gutierrez, was \$181.72. Receipts from competitions showed an increase over those of last year, while the Interport receipts were \$306.

The accounts were passed unanimously.

The date of the annual general meeting was fixed for Friday, March 17.

A letter from Mr. T. Armstrong was read by Mr. Hosking which stated that a number of friends of the late Mr. P. E. Knight were desirous of perpetuating the memory of Mr. Knight by the presentation to the Association of a Phil Knight Memorial Cup for the winner of the Open Singles Championship, each year, and which could not be won outright. The Council accepted the gesture with a vote of thanks.

It was also unanimously approved that a grant of \$50 be given to the Children's Playgrounds Association.

A discussion of a presentation to Mr. C. B. Hosking, the retiring Hon. Secretary, in appreciation of his work for the Association, was concluded by the proposal that the suggestion be put to the annual general meeting on March 17. Mr. Hosking thanked the Council for their regard, and said that his work for the Association had been made much easier by the geniality and helpfulness of the Council. He was sorry to be leaving.

As successor to Mr. Hosking, Mr. Hyde Lay proposed, for the consideration of the general meeting, Mr. R. P. Phillips. He was enthusiastic, and had had previous experience in Shanghai of the necessary work, added Mr. Hyde Lay. The Council approved of the nomination.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE
The Army Cross-country championship race will take place tomorrow at 3 p.m., the start and finish being at the Polo ground, Boundary Street.

The Army Athletic Meet will also be held on the Polo Ground, on March 23 and 24.

DRIVER KILLED
Milan, Mar. 6.

The 27 year-old racing car driver, Signor Renzo Cantoni, was accidentally killed to-day while carrying out a trial run with a Maserati car on the Monza racing track.—Trans-Ocean.

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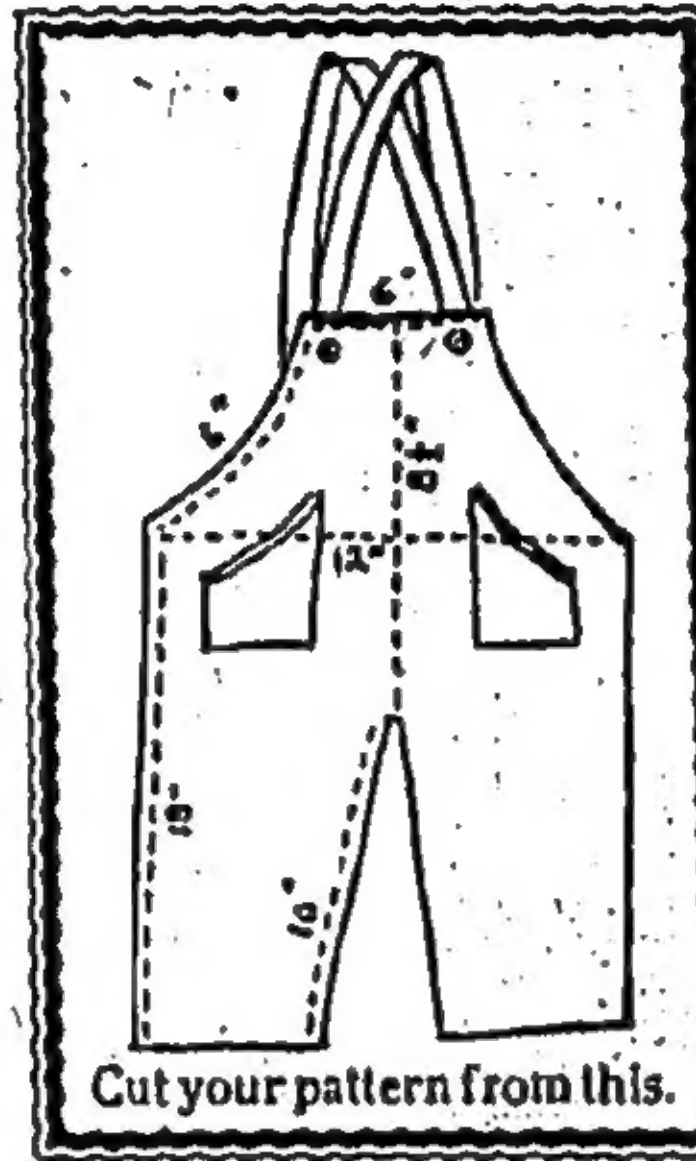
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Tidiness Can Be Overdone

REASONABLE tidiness and method are indispensable in life, but it is a mistake to make tidiness an inviolable rule. It should be one of the most elastic rules in life.

No harm can come from a little untidiness or irregularity, but a person whose mind is obsessed with the idea that every newspaper not in use must be in the rack, that an article usually inhabiting one particular drawer must on no account be housed in another, or that drawn curtains must not show as much as a corner out of the right lung becomes extraordinarily fussy. Such a mind completely fails to adjust itself to larger issues.

How can a mind think effectively and clearly about big issues when it is being continually tugged at by dozens of little duties which it thinks bound to discharge to the letter?

The Question of Grooming

Even the principle of perfect grooming for women needs re-apt. It is a "small" woman who has not the courage to stay a little untidy at times. It gives her personality a distinctly faded flavour if she keeps gazing anxiously into her mirror or using the powder puff at every breathing space and sometimes in between as well. Some women would do anything rather than allow a strand of hair to re-

main out of place. Their hands become active immediately. Adgeling here, and patting there.

No, no one really expects a hundred-per-cent. hand-box woman. A little human disorder is always overlooked; it is much better than furling all the time. Then there are certain jobs during the execution of which it is a distinct waste of time to be punctilious about tidiness. One woman is such an adherent of the virtue that, even when she is sewing, the room looks as if it has just been carefully turned out. Needless to say, she is extremely slow, but she does not worry about that. There is not a pin on the floor, every snip-pet of material is carefully placed into a conveniently-situated paper basket, and the various parts of the garment in hand are kept strictly together and perfectly folded in a large sheet of paper.

I have seen women get up out of a comfortable seat to straighten a slightly disordered table-centre or to throw a ciner from the hearth back into the fire. There are even women who shudder at the sight of a hair on the floor.

And the more you let that sort of thing get hold of you, the more gripping it becomes. On the other hand, if you discipline yourself to let tidiness be your servant and not your master, to use it when and

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Making Sponge Cake

Before mixing batter for a sponge cake, it's a good idea to place the mixing bowl in the refrigerator until it is thoroughly chilled. Do not grease the baking pan for sponge cake and do not fill more than two-thirds full. As soon as the cake is baked, remove from oven and invert the pan. This prevents shrinking.

where your reason justifies it, then you will achieve the quality of keeping order without fanaticism. Anne Mome



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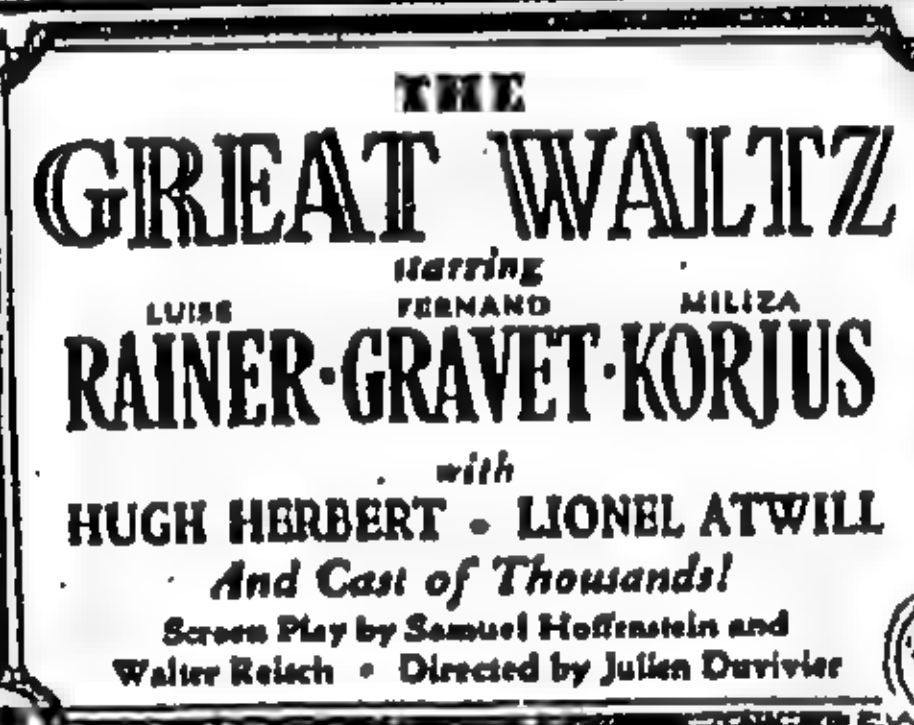
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DOCTOR RETIRES

Presentation Yesterday To
Dr. C. H. Luk

On the occasion of his retirement from the Government Medical Service after more than 20 years service, Dr. C. H. Luk was given a farewell party by his Chinese colleagues of the Department at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday. The party was also the occasion for the presentation of an engraved silver cigarette case.

Amongst those present were the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, Dr. D. J. Valentine, Dr. K. C. Yeo, and Dr. (Mrs.) A. L. J. Dovey. Dr. Yeo spoke in the absence of Dr. G. H. Thomas, who was unavoidably prevented from attending, and expressed the regret of all at Dr. Thomas' absence, particularly as he had organized the party. Dr. Luk, he said, was one of the oldest and most senior members of the Chinese medical staff, and they were all sorry to lose him. The speaker knew Dr. Luk ever since he joined the Medical Service when he was working in Taiipo.

Concluding, Dr. Yeo wished Dr. Luk all happiness and joy in his many years of retirement. (Applause.)

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, who made the presentation, associated himself with Dr. Yeo in expressing regret at Dr. Thomas' absence. Speaking of Dr. Luk, he reminded those who had recently been associated with the retiring officer, that Dr. Luk qualified as long ago as 1910, in Fintland, and in a short time became associated with that famous Chinese doctor, Dr. Wu Lien-ich, in valuable work in Manchuria in connection with an epidemic.

"Dr. Luk came here and joined the service on June 4, 1919. He was first at Taiipo, and subsequently came to Kowloon, and was at the Kowloon Hospital and, more recently, at the Kwong Wah Hospital. Yesterday, when I was showing photographs to His Excellency the Governor which were taken in the Kwong Wah Hospital some months ago, it was quite apparent from the photographs that a tremendous improvement had been effected in the wards. His Excellency actually visited the Hospital himself on Friday last and well appreciated the startling changes and improvements effected."

"Dr. Luk has put in some 20 years of work, of which 20 years has been in the service of the Government. He is the first Chinese medical officer who has followed on to an honourable retirement. That reflects great credit on him. As we all know who have been in private practice and are now in the Government service, there are many plans to be obtained in private practice and one is more one's own master than when one is one of the cogs of the mechanism of the Medical Department."

"I am glad to hear he is not leaving the country and that he will not lose him altogether. He has a charming wife and daughter, and two sons in Manila, one of whom is taking up medicine, and the other, I think, engineering, and I suppose these are the anchors which will keep him in the place where he was born and where he has many years of useful service before him."

"I have very much pleasure in presenting to you, Dr. Luk, on behalf of your Chinese colleagues, this moment of their appreciation of all you stand for in their eyes." (Applause.)

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke then handed the gift to Dr. Luk.

In a brief reply, Dr. Luk thanked Dr. Selwyn-Clarke and Dr. Yeo for the nice words they had spoken regarding him. He felt happy because he had attained his object of working until the time for his retirement, and to be still in good health. He had not only seen many great changes and developments in medical activities in the Colony during the past two decades, but he had also learnt a good deal from superiors under whom he had worked.

"If it had not been for the guidance and assistance I received from them," he declared, "I could not have remained in the service for such a long period."

He thanked those present for the friendly feelings they had shown him in the past, and in conclusion, expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude for their gift.

Social Items

The Opening Day of the Connaught Road Club for Girls, 39 Connaught Road, first floor, will be held on April 3 at 4 p.m.

A Women's Day meeting of all women's organizations in Hongkong will be held at the Helena May Institute to-day from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

The Committee of the Hongkong Reel Club have arranged to hold a party for the children attending the Children's Classes, at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, on Friday, March 17, at 4.15 p.m. During the party the children will give demonstrations of Highland dancing. Free invitation is given to the children, but in order to defray expenses, a nominal charge of \$1 per head will be made for parents and friends.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated at two weddings at the Registry yesterday. Mr. Yung Kwok-ye, teacher, married Miss Chau Yuet-fon, of 92 Lydenhurst Terrace, the witnesses being Messrs. Lam Yau-she and See Cheong, and Mr. Jackson, Halting-in, merchant, married Miss Norma Wing Han-leung, of 9 Leighton Hill Road.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Leslie Way Sing, manager of the Advertising Department of the Kowloon Motor Co., Ltd., and Miss Lio So-king, of 207 Fa Yuen Street, Kowloon; Mr. Chung Kwok-hung, clerk, and Miss Yeung Chun-ii, of 3 Tai Pak Terrace, Kennedy Town; Mr. Chi Pak-sun, of 20 Ho Lun Yuen, Mincun, and Miss Tam Suk-chen, of 520 Queen's Road, West; Cheung Tin-po, clerk, and Miss Yip Hau-sai, of 48 Percival Street, Hongkong.

In the report of the Hongkong Benevolent Society's annual meeting, published on Monday it was stated that the balance in hand was barely enough to meet the demands on the society for ten months. Actually, the balance on hand is barely sufficient to meet the demands for ten weeks, even if those demands do not increase, as is likely.

BUSY YEAR REPORTED

Accommodation Taxed At
Sailors' Home

The record number of 30,230 seafarers were accommodated at the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen last year, according to the report of the Chaplain (Rev. Cyril Brown) who mentions the extent to which accommodation was taxed in view of the hostilities and alarms of the year.

Night after night, he says, often as early as 5 p.m., all beds and cabins were booked, and late comers had either to be turned away or allowed to sleep in chairs. Towards the end of the year new beds were bought for use in the King George V Hall, but these too were taken nightly.

The financial report discloses an excess of income over expenditure of \$2,484.35.

SEAFARERS' DANCE

A dance for the ship's company of the Empress of Britain will be held at the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen, Gloucester Road, Wanchai, at 9 p.m. on Friday. All seafarers are cordially invited to the function, for which there will be no charge. Women will be welcome. Music for the dancing will be supplied by Mickey's Melody Makers.

LATE NEWS

Clark Gable
Divorced

Las Vegas, Mar. 7.
Clark Gable's wife has obtained a divorce from the famous film star. Reuter.

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AIR MAIL DUE TO-DAY

Passengers and Crew
Leave by Planes

The Imperial Airways plane Delphinus is expected to arrive in Hongkong to-morrow after her annual overhaul in Bangkok.

An extra crew left by the Dorado at dawn yesterday to bring the Delphinus back. Those aboard the Delphinus, which left at the same time, were Mr. E. M. Watts, of London, Mr. E. King for Bangkok, and Messrs. J. Redmond and T. Lindars for London.

Mail from all countries is expected on schedule at 5 p.m. to-day.

JAPANESE SERVICE

By Air To South Sea Islands
Next Month

Tokyo, Mar. 7.
The existing fortnightly voyage between Japan proper and Palao in the Japanese mandated islands in the South Seas, will be shortened to a trip of less than two days by the regular passenger and mail for service scheduled to be inaugurated on April 1.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Communications, the Japan Aviation Corporation will manage the new service, on which purely Japanese-constructed planes will maintain a schedule of three return trips between Yokohama and Palao, via Saipan, per month, for the time being. The 2,500-kilometres distance between Yokohama and Saipan will be covered in 10 hours, while the 1,500-kilometres route between Saipan and Palao will take 8 hours. Leaving Japan in the morning, passengers will spend the night at Saipan and reach Palao the following day.

Meanwhile, a successful test flight was carried out on the projected route for through air service between Tokyo and Hainan across the Japan Sea on Monday. Shortening the original estimate by one hour, the plane covered the distance between Tokyo and Hainan in 9 hours. The mark clips over three hours off the record for the Japan-Manchukuo service via Fukuoka, in Kyushu. After further tests, the route will be opened shortly. — Domei.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures
Of Planes

Outward
For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 10, Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 14.

For U.S.A. via Manila, Guam, Honolulu, China Clipper 8.30 a.m. March 11. Philippine Clipper 8.30 a.m. March 16.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For France via Hanol: Air France, 6.30 a.m. March 11.

Inward
From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 8, Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 11.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Service indefinite.

From U.S.A. via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: China Clipper March 10, Philippine Clipper 12.30 p.m. March 16.

From France, via Hanol: Air France, 12.30 p.m. March 9.

HEALTH BULLETINS

One case each of Small-pox, Diphtheria, Typhoid and Dysentery; three each of Scarlet Fever and 34 of Tuberculosis, nine of Measles, and 11 of Meningitis, were reported on Monday.

Last week, 15 cases of Small-pox with 16 deaths (seven imported), eight of Diphtheria with four deaths, 11 of Typhoid with two deaths, 67 of Measles with 39 deaths, 17 of Chicken-pox, 28 of Meningitis with 11 deaths, 12 of Dysentery with four deaths, and 170 of Tuberculosis with 93 deaths, were also reported.

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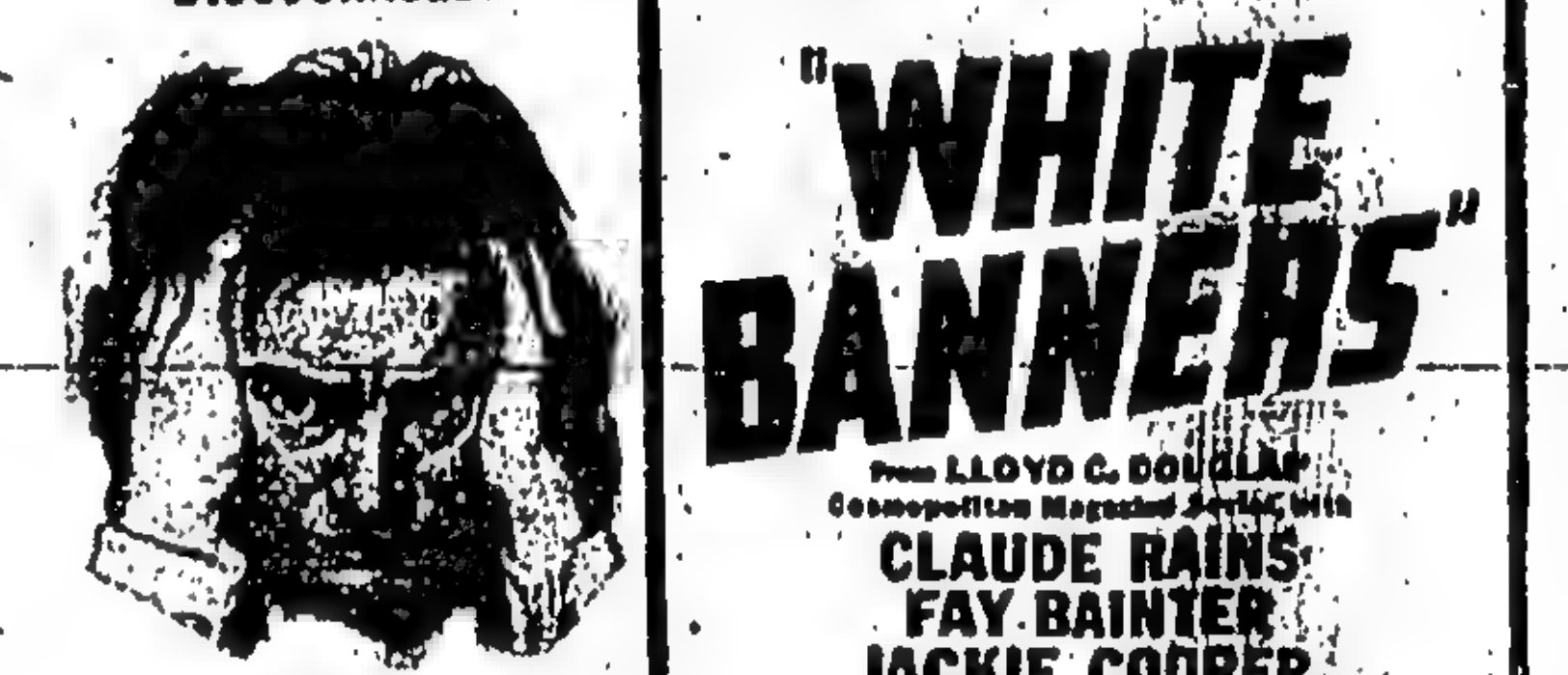
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TENSENESS IN HANKOW

ASSASSINATION REPRISAL FEARS

HANKOW, Mar. 7.

A TENSE ATMOSPHERE was evident this morning among the Chinese population in the Concession areas, as knots of Chinese formed into groups uneasily along the streets.

Perpetrators of the attempted assassination of Chin Lung-chang are still at large, despite an exhaustive combing of the French Concession yesterday.

Parades of newspaper boys with placards were conspicuously absent to-day. The parades have been a recent feature of a "week of movement for the construction of an Oriental New Order" launched by the W.P.M.A.

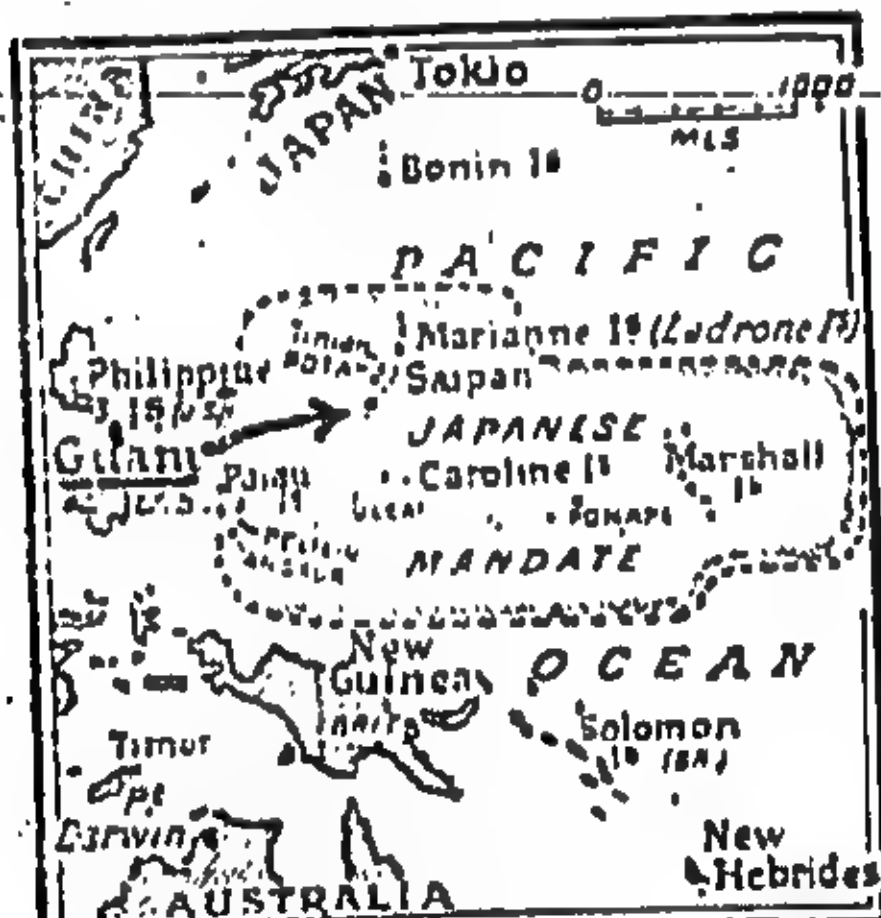
GUAM BASE REVIVAL

"Listening Post" In The Pacific

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of a listening post for the Navy was advocated by Rear-Admiral Arthur Cook, when the testified before the Senate Naval Commission to-day.

Admiral Cook denied that the proposed improvements at Guam were linked with a plan to fortify the island.



The position of Guam Island in relation to the Japanese mandated islands is shown above.

He declared that the Navy needed a base there from which to obtain advance information of any movements of a possible enemy.—Reuter.

U.S. DEFENCE BILL GOES THROUGH

Washington, Mar. 7.

The Senate overwhelmingly approved the Administration's \$72,000,000 army expansion Bill to-day. The measure, which will carry out the major portion of President Roosevelt's \$110,000,000 defence programme, now goes to the joint session of the Senate and House for adjustment of differences.

Among other things, it will attempt to reconcile the Senate's authorisation made yesterday of 6,000 planes for the army air corps, compared with the 5,500 planes authorised by the House.

The Senate accepted the proposal to limit aviation expenditures to \$20,000,000 of the army expansion Bill total, and also agreed to place a 10 per cent. limit on the profits of aeroplane manufacturers and others likely to benefit from contracts under the Bill.—Reuter.

Pope Begins Audiences

Vatican City, Mar. 7.

Pope Pius XII began giving private audiences to the newly furnished Papal private library to-day, where he received in turn, Cardinal Maglione, Prefect of the Congregation of the Council, and Cardinal La Puma, Prefect of the Congregation of Orders.

Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, and Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago were also received.—Trans-Ocean.

Terroristic activity yesterday apparently coincided with the projected celebrations this week, which, according to the newspaper "Wuhan Pao", included the distribution of placards, the posting of slogans, and the conducting of lectures.

The principal slogans are listed as follows:

- 1.—First steps in the Communist movement are to cut dykes, scorch the earth, and conduct guerilla warfare.
- 2.—The Communist Party is the demon which destroys peace in the Orient.
- 3.—To exterminate the Communists and to overthrow Chiang Kai-shek are the basis of unifying the family and governing the country.
- 4.—A Federal organisation is the object of New China.
- 5.—The development of Manchukuo is the model for the establishment of a new China.
- 6.—The creation of a new culture in the Orient, and a breakaway from (Continued on Page 12.)

Spanish War

Franco To Start Drive On Republican Capital

ST. JEAN DE LUZ, Mar. 7.

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SASSOON ON JAPAN

Bayonets Not Enough To Subdue China

SHANGHAI, Mar. 7.

SIR VICTOR SASSOON, head of the vast Sassoon interests in China, returned to Shanghai aboard the Empress of Japan to-day, completing a round-the-world tour.

In an interview, he declared: "Although I can see an independent Chinese Government working in co-operation with Japan for the development of Asia, I cannot see a vassal China. The Chinese have never been a servile people."

Commenting on the new governments in the Japanese-occupied areas, Sir Victor Sassoon said: "You cannot choose a government with the help of bayonets."

He declared that there was no possibility of British financial aid to Japan, observing: "You cannot expect us to present the Japanese with the boots with which they have been threatening to kick all foreigners from China."

Sir Victor indicated that he believed Japan was in a greater danger of "going Communist" than China.

The commercial magnate plans a fortnight's visit to Hongkong soon.—United Press.

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CLARK GABLE

Film Star Divorced By Wife

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 8.

THE PATH of Hollywood's favourite romance has been smoothed by the film colony's latest divorce.

In the Supreme Court this morning, Mrs. Clark Gable No. 2 was granted a divorce from the famous film star, freeing Clark to marry Carole Lombard, who is the ex-Mrs. William Powell.

Mrs. Gable, eleven years Clark's senior, gained a \$280,000 property settlement with the divorce. She said that Clark was "hard to live with."

Mrs. Gable's latest ex-husband was wife No. 2. She was on the stage before she married. Maiden name—Rhea Langham. Mrs. Clark Gable No. 1 was Josephine Dillon, dramatic coach. Their marriage ended in divorce—just about the time that Clark Gable rose to film stardom.

GOSSIP CHOOSES SUCCESSOR

Gossip has already chosen Carole Lombard as Mrs. Clark Gable No. 3. She is the ex-Mrs. William Powell. They were married in 1931, divorced in 1933, when she charged "cruelty."

Constant companions during the past two years, Carole's romance with Clark has been a gay affair. She sends him such Valentines as a ham with his picture on it. Recently she bought a race-horse and called it "Mr. C."

Carole Lombard's real name is Jane Peters. She was born at Fort Wayne in October, 1909.

The first hint of the romantic friendship arose during the making of "My Man Godfrey," in which Carole had the ironic experience of playing opposite her ex-husband.

Evening when work was done Clark Gable would call at the studio and drive off with Carole. Since then they have seldom been parted. Not long ago they appeared together in the film "No Man of Her Own."—Reuter and Special.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan, which left Shanghai at 9.30 a.m. to-day, is due at Hongkong on Friday at 9.00 a.m.

ROUND-THE-WORLD TOURISTS WHO ARRIVED TO-DAY



MISS VIRGINIA ESKRIDGE, of Greenville, Delaware, is one of the most popular members of the younger set aboard the Empress of Britain.



MR. WALTER HOFFMAN is the C.P.R. liner's most enthusiastic amateur photographer and carries his Leica wherever he goes on the trip round the world.



MR. ALFRED MORAN is an enthusiastic amateur photographer and carries his Leica wherever he goes on the trip round the world.



DR. JOSEPHINE WALTON is a Philadelphian and joined the Empress of Britain for the world cruise at New York.



THE REV. R. C. LAMBERT WILLIAMS, the Church of England chaplain aboard the Empress of Britain, comes from Bexhill-on-Sea.



MRS. CONSTANCE V. EDWARDS, of San Francisco, believes that the Acropolis at Athens is the most interesting spectacle she has yet seen.



DR. MARY M. STEAGALL is one of the many lady doctors who joined the Empress of Britain for this year's world cruise. She hails from Carbondale, Ill.



MRS. PERCY C. THOMAS is travelling with her husband and has been an extensive purchaser of curios and knick-knacks on the present trip.



MRS. ETTA FRETZ hails from Buffalo, New York. She joined the Empress of Britain at New York. Mrs. Fretz is also a popular member of the younger set.



MR. PERCY C. THOMAS was especially interested in Rome because his home town in the United States is also Rome—a township in New York State.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN ARRIVES—Page Twelve

Japan Provides For Possibility Of War With Soviet Russia

TOKYO, Mar. 7.

THE JAPANESE War Minister, General Seishiro Itagaki, told the budget committee of the Diet's Lower House to-day that Japan has provided against a possible clash with Soviet Russia, in addition to the successful prosecution of hostilities in China.

The national defence policy, he declared, aimed not only at "dealing a crushing blow to the Chiang regime," but also at maintaining peace and order in the occupied areas, and of securing adequate protection against "the menace of the Soviet Union."

Japanese troops would have to be maintained in China for a long period, the Minister admitted.

The China conflict, combined with the Soviet's vigorous arms expansion, had compelled Japan to formulate a second Five-Year Re-armament Programme, in addition to the original seven-year scheme started in 1939.—United Press.

FISHERY ISSUE

TOKYO, Mar. 8.

WITH THE auction for fishing lots scheduled to take place at Vladivostok on March 15 in disregard of Japanese protests, important measures concerning the Soviet-Japanese fishery dispute were understood to have been discussed when six leading members of the Cabinet met in an emergency conference at the Premier's official residence last night.

It is understood that, following last night's conference, fresh instructions will be dispatched to the Japanese Ambassador at Moscow, Mr. Shigenori Togo, directing the envoy to continue negotiations with the Soviet Government.

The conference held at the Premier's official residence last night was attended by Premier Hiranuma, Foreign Minister Arita, War Minister Itagaki, Navy Minister Yonai, Finance Minister Ishiwara, Agriculture and Forestry Minister Sakurazuchi.

Problems relating to the China situation were also understood to have been discussed. Beginning at 7.30 p.m., the conference continued until late in the night.—Domet.

PALESTINE PARLEYS Specific Proposals By Britain

LONDON, Mar. 7.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that the Palestine talks are reaching a stage where the British intend to bring forward specific proposals.

It is believed that both the Arabs and British agreed that the questions of constitution, immigration, and land sales are interdependent, and that any agreement must cover all, due respect being paid to British interests, the preservation of the holy places, and the question of a Jewish national home.

It is hoped that the present conference will produce something definite on these questions, although it is understood that the British are not prepared at the moment to indicate a preference for any particular form of constitution.

The British envisage a transitional period to allow the Arabs and Jews (Continued on Page 4.)

Planes Attack Steamer

British Destroyer Aids Dutch Ship

LONDON, Mar. 7.

THE DUTCH STEAMER Aurora to-day wirelessed that she was being attacked by planes of an unknown nationality.

Her position is given as 37.5 N. and 3.7 W.

The British destroyer, Ivanhoe, had been ordered to investigate, but before it reached the spot, found that the Nationalist warship Jupiter had taken over control of the Aurora.

It was later learned that the Aurora was allowed to continue her voyage to Genoa.

The owners of the Aurora received a radio from the captain stating that the ship was attacked by six bombing planes.

The upper and lower bridge deck was damaged by bomb splinters, but there were no casualties.

The message indicated that the acrobates belonged to Spanish Republican forces.—Reuter.

Goering To Pay Visit To Rome

Rome, Mar. 7.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering is to pay an official visit to Italy.

The visit to Rome will last two or three days, and will take place at the end of March, after which Field Marshal Goering will go to Sicily and then to Libya, in order to return the visit to Berlin paid by Marshal Italo Balbo.

Altogether, Field Marshal Goering will spend six weeks in Italy.—Trans-Ocean.

RIOTERS KILLED, INJURED

POLICE HAVE HAD to fire on rioters again in Cawnpore, as the result of new disturbances.

At Cawnpore, following a clash between Hindus and Moslems, one was killed and four injured, says "Reuter."

Two policemen were among the injured. The police fired three rounds above the heads of the rioters.

OBITUARY

CONQUEROR OF "PI"

Famed Mathematician Dies In Germany

PROFESSOR FERDINAND VON LINDEMANN, the "vanquisher of pi" is dead.

He was one of the world's greatest mathematicians—the first to offer mathematical proof that the age-old problem of squaring a circle was not a problem at all, it just couldn't be done.

He opened the great dispute that raged on the quadrature of a circle in 1882 and so brilliantly adduced that the squaring of a circle was an impossibility that he gained the famous Steier prize of the Berlin Academy of Science.

The "quadrature of a circle" was a problem that puzzled mathematicians back to the days of early Egyptian civilisation. Archimedes spent much of his life in attempting a solution as did, more recently, Huygens and Lambert.

The famous mathematician died suddenly at Munich, "Trans-Ocean" reports.

He was born in Hanover in April, 1882, and studied at Göttingen, Erlangen, Munich, London and Paris.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

NURSE VANISHED IN PORT SAID 18 YEARS AGO

Father Left Her Money

IN MAY 1921, NURSE MARY ADELAIDE JONES, OUTWARD BOUND FOR MADRAS, WENT ASHORE AT PORT SAID AND POSTED A CARD TO HER FAMILY IN BANTON, ISLE OF MAN, TELLING THEM SHE WAS QUITE WELL.

Then she vanished. From that time nothing more was heard of her.

Her father, the Rev. Richard Jones, Vicar of Banton for 40 years, died a year ago, leaving £7,000, which was divided between his seven children in equal parts.

Now, 18 years after Nurse Jones's disappearance, her family are awaiting the resumed hearing of a Chancery Court petition to presume her death.

Her share of the estate would then be divided among her brothers and sisters, who have scattered to various parts of Britain and the Empire.

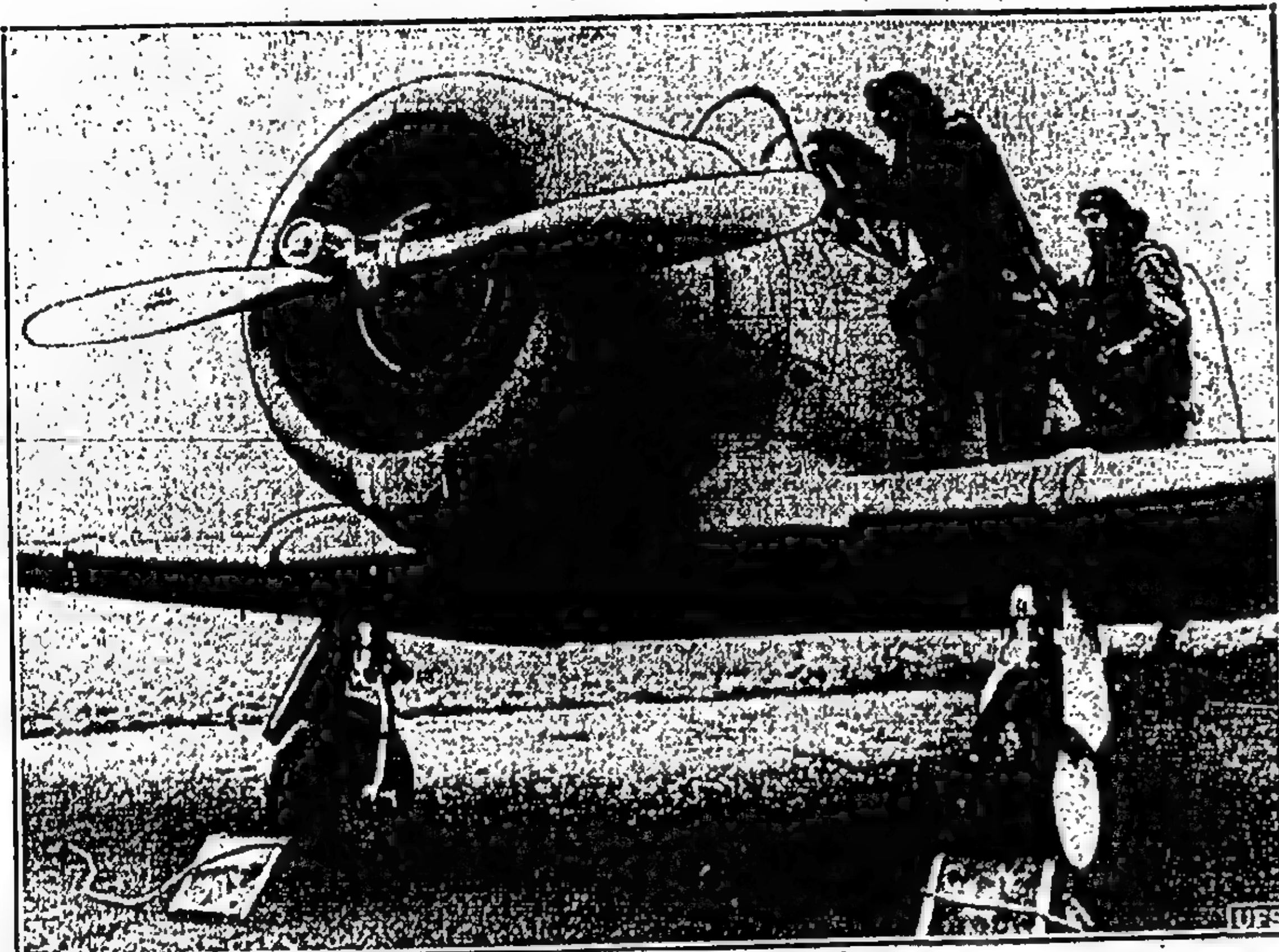
Tetanus Puzzle For Spilsbury

Stating that he regarded the case as of more than ordinary importance, the Hackney coroner recently adjourned an inquest.

Mrs. Florence Wilson (30), Tottenham Road, Hackney, died in hospital from tetanus after the birth of her fourth child.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury said he found nothing to account for the symptoms. He agreed tetanus in such a case was extremely rare.

"I hope in the interests of the public that the source of infection can be traced," said the coroner.



A pilot in Grantham, England, enters one of the new Northrup-American planes recently bought in the United States by Great Britain, for use with the Royal Air Force. The planes will be used principally at the Grantham air training school to train pilots in the handling of single-engine monoplane ships.

Why General Eva Never Married

General Evangeline Booth, 73-year-old head of the Salvation Army, told a Manchester audience recently why she had never married. "A friend of mine was ever so serious with me about this question," she said. "He told me the time had really come when I should seriously consider marriage."

"I had my answer ready. Yes, I said, I have considered the question very, very seriously—that is why I am single."

Permanency For Transients

Farmersville, Cal. The fact that the Farm Security Administration has begun building steel houses here for migrants is taken as indication that the Administration believes the transient problem will be a permanent one in California. All other transient camps to date have been composed only of tent houses.

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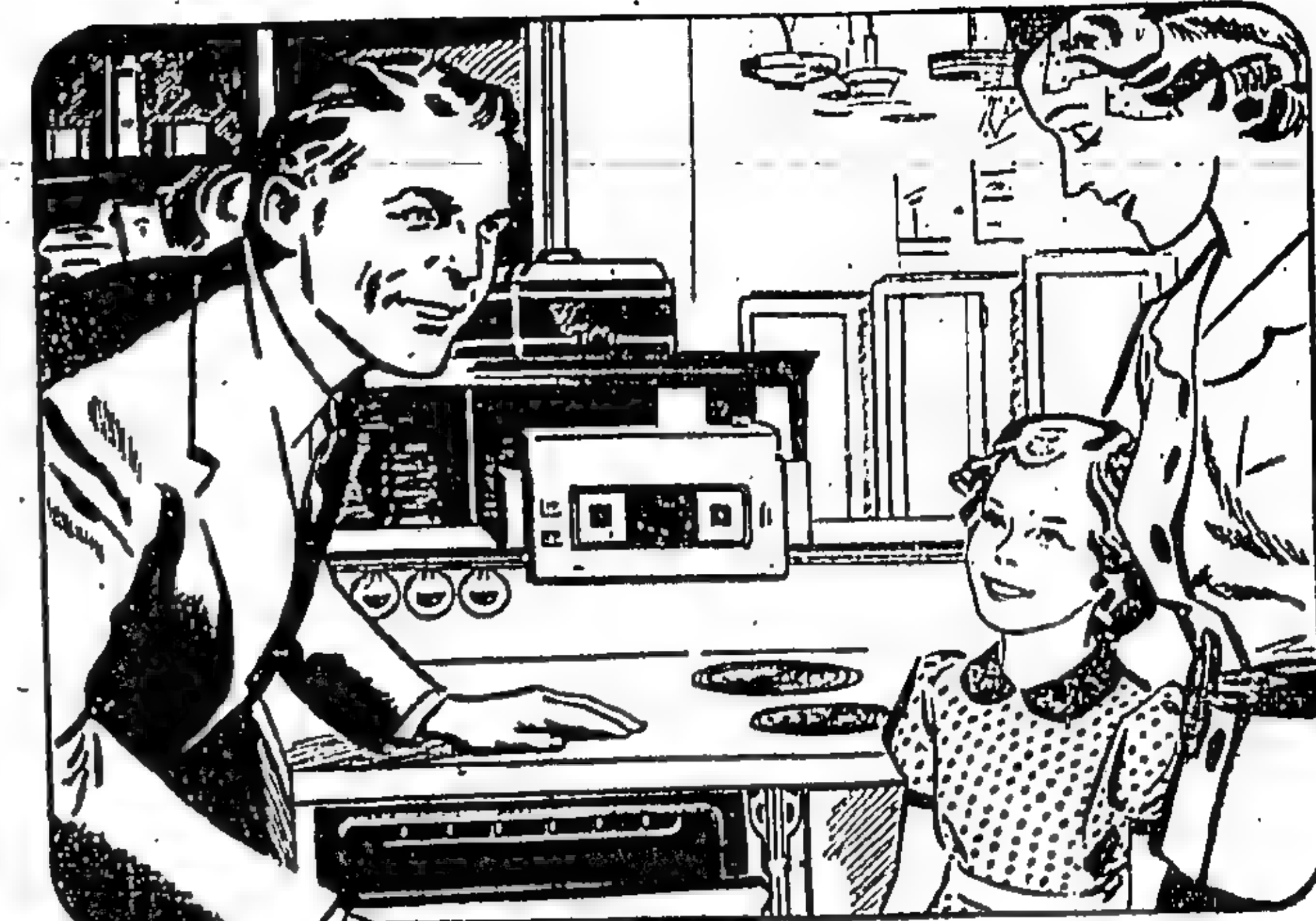
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Japanese Occupation Of Hainan Island

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THE protection of Anglo-French interests in view of the landing of the Japanese forces in Hainan was referred to in a question in the House of Commons recently as follows:—

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked the Prime Minister whether he is aware that Japanese forces have been landed on the island of Hainan; and whether he will immediately consult with the French Government with a view to the joint protection of Anglo-French interests?

Mr. Butler: Yes, Sir. My Noble Friend is already in touch with the French Government on this matter.

Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne: May I ask whether the Japanese Government have any previous notice of their intention to occupy the island of Hainan, and whether they have given the British or French Governments any information as to the duration of their occupation?

Mr. Butler: In view of the serious nature of this matter I should require to have notice of those two important questions.

Silver "Nest Egg"

A soldier's kitbag stuffed with silver ornaments worth £200, said to have been stolen from a syndicate in St. James's-square, Kensington, was found in a chicken run in the garden of Thomas Harrington, 10, who, with Michael William Hunt, 24, has been remanded in custody, for receiving 18 silver articles, a silk cover and a linen tablecloth.

Migrating Birds Fly 3 1/2 Miles Up

One of science's greatest mysteries—how even small birds are able to fly for hours after hours over oceans and desolate country—has been partly solved.

Pilots on the Pan-American Airways routes through the United States, South America and across the Pacific were asked to take notes of the speed and the height of the birds they saw.

These notes, now correlated, prove that migrating birds do not fly low, near the ground, at fairly small speeds, which was the usual theory. They fly in clouds through the lower stratosphere, at 15,000 to 22,000 feet (three and a half miles) above the ground.

This explains how great distances are covered comparatively quickly. At these heights constant winds blow, at up to 100 miles an hour and more, always at the same speed, always in the same direction.

The birds use the winds to aid them. With little effort they sail along at the same speed as the wind. Pilots saw swallows travelling at 90 m.p.h.



Mr. H. J. A. Hearn unsaddling Dekko after placing in the Northern Stakes at a recent race meeting.—Staff Photographer.

Actress Wins Slander Suit, Flies Back to Show

MISS Hannah Watt, pantomime principal boy and grand-daughter of the late Sir James Watt, Cumberland land-owner, flew to Ulster from Carlisle recently fearing that her plain speaking before the judge at Carlisle Assizes had gone against her.

But, shortly before she went on the stage in Belfast in "The Babes in the Wood," she received a phone message to say that the case had been decided in her favour.

She and her mother had been sued for damages for an alleged slander on Mr. Thomas Ferguson (A. C. Astor, the ventriloquist). The judge (Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson) said it was a case that should never have been brought, "a lamentable piece of litigation."

Following a week's appearance at his theatre in Carlisle, Miss Watt and her mother were alleged to have called Mr. Astor "a twister." The judge said that while Miss Watt was probably more temperamental than she imagined, he accepted her denial that she and her mother called Mr. Astor "a twister." Mr. Astor's character was not an issue of the case, and he thought all the parties spoke what they considered to be the truth.

Miss Watt—tall, with corn-coloured hair called Ann Harding fashion on her neck—when questioned by the judge, said: "I know I am going to lose this case, but I have come here to clear my name. In the light of what has since happened and what I have heard from people in the profession, I know he [Mr. Astor] is an evil man. I must say that, if I lose the case."

It was revealed during the hearing that Miss Watt was married. Her husband is Mr. Nigel Pugh. Their home is in Laurier-road, London, N.W.

Bishop Of London Resigns At 81

THE Bishop of London, Dr. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram, recently resigned. Dr. Ingram has been Bishop of London since 1901. He is 81.

He first spoke of retiring "not later than 1939" in June, 1937, when he explained that there were still 63 churches to build in Greater London, and that he was staying for two years in order to leave his successor with a less onerous burden.

NOT TIRED YET

In a speech at the London Diocesan Conference he said that his impending retirement was not because he was tired of the work or was failing in physical or mental vigour, but "simply that it was only fair for an old man to make way for a young man."

Bishop of Stepney from 1897 to 1901, Dr. Winnington Ingram is said to have read the notification of his appointment to that See while going by bus to a working-men's meeting in the East End.

"My recreations are still squash rackets, golf, tennis and hockey," said the Bishop on his 75th birthday, and no man had a greater belief in games as a recipe for fitness in old age.

3 GOALS AT 75

Not long before he was 75 he scored three goals in a hockey match between the Old Boys of Marlborough and Radley College. During a tour of the world in 1928 he met Helen Wills Moody in a tennis match at Berkeley (Cal.). He played in mixed doubles against her and his side won 6-4.

Wife Afraid To Leave Home

LIVERPOOL'S "curfew" wife, crippled Mrs. James Byrne, of Great Mersey-street, who, during her 20 years of married life, has never left her home after 5 p.m. because of a ban by her husband, was free recently to do what she wanted.

She refused to go out into the city or to the pictures. Force of habit kept her by the fireside behind locked doors.

Neighbours who called on her were sent away. Only her three children were allowed to see her. Her husband, James Byrne, is now serving 18 months' jail for inflicting grievous bodily harm on her.

NAIL IN DOOR

When he went out for a few hours on the night of January 3 he put a nail in the back door. On his return he found it had been disturbed. He took his wife by the hair and knocked her semi-conscious with his fists. Leaving her on the floor, he went to the police station and said: "I have done my wife in." By then Mrs. Byrne had crawled into the street. She was taken to hospital.

HIS OBSESSION

Defending counsel said that Byrne had worked himself to fever-pitch with the obsession that his wife had been unfaithful. When he saw a man climbing over the garden wall he jumped to conclusions, lost control of himself, and assaulted her in a fit of frenzy.

Mrs. Byrne has never seen a talkie film, and is scared of crowded streets with their endless rush of traffic. Night after night for 28 years she has sat patiently by her fireside knitting, and wondering what has been going on in the outside world.

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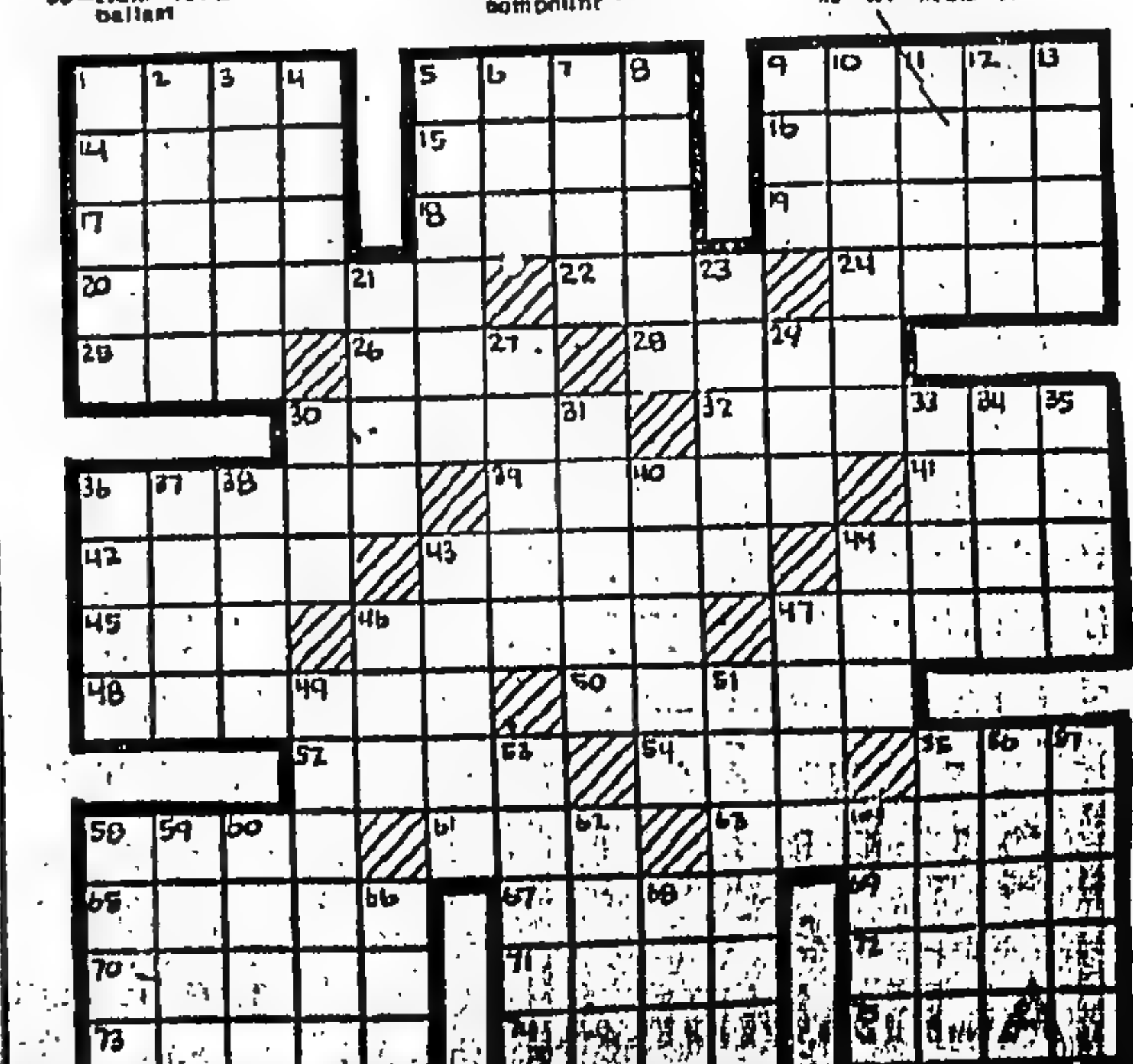
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ACROSS

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- 6—Face possession of
- 7—Ancient name
- 8—Unhappy element
- 9—Widow
- 10—Ornamental pendant
- 11—Stunning sensation
- 12—Of numerous
- 13—Dread of audience
- 14—Abstract conception of
- 15—Viper
- 16—Shade of means of
- 17—Suicide attack
- 18—Pertaining to death
- 19—Aunt's name (poet)
- 20—Carried away with
- 21—Open out
- 22—Blended
- 23—Expression used at
- 24—Wedding
- 25—Form of coat of
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- 30—Pier's arc
- 31—Item seen as

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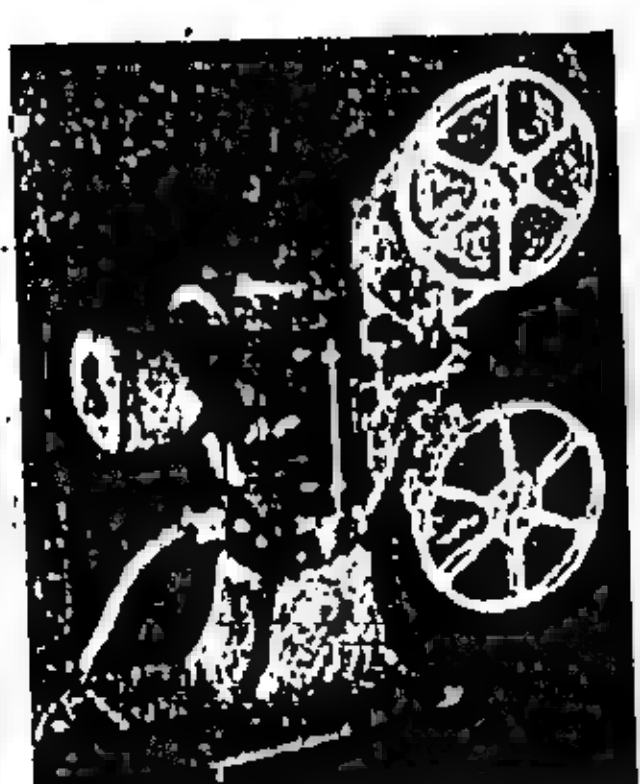
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Lady Northcote has kindly consented to distribute the prizes on Thursday, the 9th March at 5.30 p.m.

Prizewinners are requested to attend in person to receive their prizes.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1939.

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Notice is hereby given that the Fiftieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 9th March, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1938 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 25th February to 9th March, 1939, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fiftieth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 9th day of March, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 9th MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. C. T. BECK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1939.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	\$1,400 sa.
H.K. Banks Lon.	07 n.
Chartered	07 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	27 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C.	13 n.
East Asia	55 1/4 sa.

INSURANCES

Canton	220 b
Union	480 n.
China Underwriters etc.	50 n.
H.K. Fire	185 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas	05 1/4 sa.
Steamboats	10 n.
Indo-China	00 n.
Indo-China, D.S.	24 n.
Shell Bearers	80 1/4 n.
Waterboats	0 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	119 b.
Docks (old)	17 1/2 b.
Docks (new)	102 b.
Providents (old)	0.45 n.
Providents (new)	0.30 n.
New Eng. Sh.	0.60 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh.	0.90 1/2 n.

MINING

Kailan s/-	17/9 n.
Raubus	3.25 b.
Venz: Goldfield	0 n.
Hongkong Mines cl.	44 1/4 sa.
Antamoks Pa.	30 1/2 sa.
Atoka Pa.	27 1/2 sa.
Bugulo Gold Pa.	14.00 sa.
Benguet Cons. Pa.	45 sa.
Coco Grove Pa.	12 1/2 sa.
Con. Mines Pa.	12 1/2 sa.
Demonstrations Pa.	07 sa.
I.X.L. Pa.	15 sa.
Gumauas Pa.	2.00 sa.
San Mauricio Pa.	21 1/2 sa.
Suyoc Consol Pa.	09 sa.
Paracelis Pa.	09 sa.

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Hotels	0.5 sa.
Lands s/- (c.d.)	37 sa.
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Humphreys s/- (x.d.)	8.55 n.
H.K. Realties s/-	5.20 n.
Chinese Estates s/-	100 n.

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Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	0.88 1/4 sa.
Y. Ferries (old)	23 1/4 b.
Y. Ferries (new)	22.70 sa.
China Light & Co.	5.75 b.
H.K. Electric s/-	50 1/2 b. and sa.
Macao Electric s/-	17 1/2 b.
Sandakan Lights	10.40 b.
Telephones (old)	22.45 n.
Telephones (new)	7.30 n.
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Cald: Macg. (Fre.)	Sh. \$13 n.
Canton Tees	\$1 b.
Cements	15.90 b.
H.K. Ropes	4 b.

STORES

Dairy Farms	20 1/2 sa.
Watsons	7.55 sa.
Lane-Crawfords	8 n.
Sinceres	14 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	42 b.
Powell, Ltd. etc.	90 n.

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE.

STOCKS: The London stock averages are now above the high levels reached in September of last year, following the Munich Conference and suggest that bear markets in that city have ended.

Montgomery Ward Company's February sales were up 14.7 per cent. February sales of leading National merchandising companies were the best since September, 1937.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, opposes putting gold into circulation.

Senator Tydings proposes rewording of the Aircraft Profit Limitation Amendment to allow for experimental costs.

EARNINGS:	Stock	Period	1938
Douglas Aircraft	Yr. 31/12		\$3.76
Corn Products	Yr. 31/12		\$3.70
Lockheed Aircraft	Yr. 31/12		\$0.67

COTTON: The Chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee opposes any release of Loan cotton at any price, pending legislation. American yarn prices have advanced in Lancashire and there is an improvement in the business booked.

GRAINS: Elevators in the Argentine are glutted. An embargo on shipments from the country to the seaboard is likely.

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PALESTINE PARLEYS

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to collaborate in helping the British with advice.

It is believed that the difficulties attaching to the determining of the transitional period are occupying much of the time of the conference. The British are said to have indicated that they regard co-operation between the Arabs and Jews as an essential condition of the advance to ultimate independence.—Reuter.

JEWISH COMMUNICATION

London, Mar. 7. The Jewish Agency executive is drafting a written communication which will be presented to the British delegation to-morrow, where by it is hoped to ascertain whether or not the Government policy envisages liquidation of the Jewish national home question.

The Jewish delegates are prepared for a settlement involving termination of the Mandate so long as the principles of the mandate, allowing for the continued development of a national home, are still to be preserved.

If the Government's reply shows that it intends to safeguard this continued development, it is understood that the Jewish delegates will consider it a satisfactory basis for further discussion. Otherwise, they will see no object in prolonging the talks.—Reuter.

TEMPERS FRAYING

London, Mar. 7. Enquiries in Palestine conference circles suggest that tempers are beginning to become frayed. It is believed that at today's talk between the British and Arab delegations there were vigorous exchanges following the suggestion that the Palestine Arab delegation's attitude had stiffened, and that it was unwilling to make concessions. Calm was quickly restored, but some resentment was manifested throughout the discussion, which, it is understood, dealt mainly with immigration.

It is asserted that the Palestine delegation protested against illegal immigration, which they said, had reached considerable proportions. It is believed that the British Government intended to prevent this immigration.

It is stated in some quarters that the British Government is consulting the High Commissioner in Jerusalem with regard to its constitutional proposals, and that the next meeting of the conference will not be held until the High Commissioner's reply is received.—Reuter.

TERRORIST KILLED

London, Mar. 7. To-day's Palestine situation report received at the Colonial Office by telegraph from the High Commissioner mentions the case of an Arab terrorist in Haifa, who, having fatally wounded an unfortunate Arab shopkeeper, from whom he was attempting to extort money on behalf of the terrorist campaign, was pursued by a military patrol.

The terrorist fired at the troops and again his victim was a disinterested third party—an innocent bystander whom he hit and fatally wounded.

FRANCO TO START DRIVE ON REPUBLICAN CAPITAL

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have been brought to Bizerta from Tunis.

Fifty naval officers and other ranks from Cartagena arrived at Oran today in six vessels.—Reuter.

MADRID QUIET

Madrid, Mar. 7. "Reuter's" correspondent, touring the city late this afternoon, states that the streets were patrolled by the military and that all was quiet within the city.

Communists who had been barricaded in two buildings surrendered.—Reuter.

ARMISTICE PARLEYS

Paris, Mar. 7. The belief that negotiations for an armistice in Spain have already begun, is expressed in well-informed French circles.

The Defence Junta in Madrid is reported to have in mind an armistice leading to a complete settlement within a fortnight or three weeks. At the same time, the Junta is asking for assurances for the safety of persons implicated, particularly for an opportunity for them to leave Spain.—Reuter.

RADIO SILENCED

Burgos, Mar. 7. Discard in Madrid is increasing according to the latest information available. The radio became suddenly silent after having been broadcast anti-Communist appeals throughout the morning, which were distinctly heard by Nationalist troops on the outskirts of Madrid.

It is believed that Communists forced their way into the transmitting room as a confused noise, mingled with shots and screams were heard through the loudspeakers. Just before then, an appeal by Senor Belisario had been broadcast in which he urged the population to resist by all means in their power the establishment of "foreign tyranny".

An account of the events immediately preceding the Communist uprising in Madrid was given in an appeal broadcast by the Anarchists to-day, in which it was stated that Dr. Negrin and Senor Del Vayo had planned the Communist coup for Sunday, for which Moscow had promised support. The new Communist Government was to have been composed of the leader of the Spanish Communist Party, Senor Jose Diaz, as well as Dr. Negrin and Senor Del Vayo.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH CRUISER FOR GANDIA

London, Mar. 7. The cruiser Devonshire has been ordered to the British owned port of Gandia in Spain for the protection of British interests in view of the uncertainty regarding conditions in the Republican zone, following the suppression of the Negrin Administration by the Council of Defence.—British Wireless.

and who turned out to be a Persian. The terrorist was killed by the return fire of the military patrol.—British Wireless.

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OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Wednesday		
Swatow, Amoy and Chuanchow	Haifching	Wed., Mar. 8, 2 p.m.
Foochow	Pronto	Wed., Mar. 8, 4.00 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow	Kanchow	Thurs., Mar. 9, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Tainan	Thurs., Mar. 9, 10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Mulnam	Thurs., Mar. 9, 1.30 p.m.
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	Ord.	Thurs., Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Thurs., Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Mar. 9, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways"	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Mar. 9.
Direct Service—due Sydney, 18th March		
	K.P.O.	Thurs., Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Thurs., Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Mar. 9, 7 p.m.
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ROOF-TOP FALL

Boy's Death Result Of Negligence

Revelations during the course of an inquiry into the death of a six-year-old boy who fell to his death from the roof of his home into the backyard, led to Mr. T. J. Houston, sitting as Coroner at the Central Magistracy yesterday, severely reprimanding the landlord of the premises, and to the Jury adding a rider in which they expressed their disgust at the Landlord's gross negligence.

Messrs. J. W. Bertram (foreman), J. L. Isley, and A. R. Dullah were empaneled as the Jury. Divisional Inspector J. R. McWalter was present for the police.

Lance-Sergeant J. Headridge said he had visited No. 9 Jubilee Street, Central district, on January 20, as a result of information that a boy named Chan Lap-chi had fallen from the roof of the house into the backyard. Witness learned, on making enquiries, that the boy had been sitting on a ledge on the roof when he had overbalanced and fell. There was very little flat space on the roof, which was intended for drying clothes. The roof was four storeys from the ground.

Dr. T. K. Lien, medical officer attached to Queen Mary Hospital, said that the deceased boy was admitted to the hospital in a dying condition, and died at 8.40 p.m. the same day. After describing the boy's injuries, Dr. Lien said that the cause of death was shock following multiple injuries. Witness did not find any marks on the boy consistent with his having been struck by someone or something.

Cheung Kwan-tek, an 11-year-old boy, said he had been playing with his younger brother and the deceased, who was his cousin, on the roof of their home. Witness was leaning against the roof door, with his

brother nearby, while the deceased was sitting on the ledge throwing a piece of firewood against the wall, when he fell into the backyard.

Witness said he had been told by his uncle and aunt previously not to play on the roof because it was dangerous. She said she lived on the third floor of the premises, and the roof was immediately above. People seldom went up there, and she herself had never been up. The roof was not used for drying clothes, as they were dried on the verandah. She said the roof door was closed at night and secured with a bolt. It had been left open during the day to allow in more light.

Kwan Chou-tat, landlord of the premises, and residing at No. 3 Ling Yeung Terrace, third floor, was then called as a witness. He told the Coroner that he owned more than ten houses, including No. 9 Jubilee Street. He carried on a business as an importer and exporter. He said he gave instructions to his employees to look after his houses, and all repairs were left in their hands. He

employed two assistants who collected the rent.

Witness learned of the accident through seeing a report in the newspapers. He had asked his assistants how the accident had happened and they told him that the boy had been sitting on the ledge when he had overbalanced and fallen down.

Showing a photograph of the roof by the Coroner, and asked if he noticed if anything was missing, witness said that a wooden railing was. (There should have been two railings around the ledge of the roof, and the lower one on two sides was missing). Witness agreed that had the railing been there, the accident would not have happened. He said he had given instructions to his foks to make repairs.

It was pointed out to him that the photograph was taken on March 3, and the railing had not then been replaced.

At this point, the witness was severely reprimanded by the Coroner, who said that in spite of the fact that a life had been lost through the absence of the railing, witness had not seen fit to spend \$2 and to have personally seen to it that the railing was replaced, although more than a month had elapsed since the day of the accident.

Questions regarding his income from the house, witness said he received \$200 from all four flats.

The Coroner remarked that it was a disgraceful state of affairs.

"Blood-Earned" Money

Summing up, the Coroner said that there was no doubt that the death had been accidental, and the only important point the Jury had to bear in mind was whether, if a railing had been in place on the roof, the accident would have occurred.

The landlord, he reminded them, received \$200 from all four flats, and though more than a month had elapsed, the man had not seen fit to take any of that "blood-earned" money to repair the roof. "I strongly advise you to bring in a rider in addition to your verdict of accidental death," he concluded.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1889.
In publishing the details of Mr. Chater's proposed reclamation of the Praya foreshore on the 3rd of August, 1887, we ventured to express the opinion that if ever the scheme were carried out, it would be private enterprise and on similar lines to submitted to the Hongkong Government by its projector.

To any person whose vision is not warped by self-interest, dense ignorance, or petty spite, nothing could possibly be clearer than the absolute certainty that this reclamation of the Praya foreshore will prove an invaluable boon to the entire colony.

Briefly stated, it will improve the general health, provide suitable residences, offices, and warehouses at reasonable rents, greatly facilitate the shipping business of the port by allowing vessels to lie alongside a line of wharves extending from the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank to the Gas Works, and permit a tramway line to effectively bring the eastern and western districts within easy reach of the centre of the town, thus opening up building sites in the vicinity of Causeway Bay, and along the Sham Shui Po Road.

It must also lead to a further extension of the Praya by the Government from Murray Wharf in an almost direct line to Whitefield Station, clearing away the present unhealthy district along the Wharf foreshore, and opening the gate to numerous improvements which have long been recognised.

The town of Pina has become bankrupt. The Riatta, in referring to the matter, says that an Italian banking house proposes to put a man in possession of the hotel de Ville. To avert this, a genius in an Italian paper suggests a lottery with the Leaning Tower as the first prize. An insolvent town with a man in possession would certainly be a novelty.

The Northern Territory Times says:—Owing to the decision arrived at by the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company and the China Navigation Company to raise the fares for Chinese passengers from Port Darwin to Hongkong, from £3 to £8, a meeting of Chinese residents at Port Darwin was held, at which it was decided not to allow Chinese to travel by vessels owned by the offending companies.

25 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1914.
Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that attention has been excited in Germany by an article in the Koelnische Zeitung denouncing the new Russian Cabinet as being anti-German and asserting that the immense new Russian armaments are directed against Germany.

Although semi-official aspiration of the article is disclaimed it is considered that it forecasts fresh military and naval demands.

There were six hundred delighted spectators of the pictures shown at the Wigram Tennis Club, Kowloon, last night, by the Variety Film Exchange of Kowloon. The drawing picture was, of course, the one showing the races at Happy Valley, but apart from this there were several other good pictures shown. The weather played its little tricks with gusts of wind that slightly disturbed the curtain, at times putting it just out of focus, but this in no way marred the show. A special string orchestra was in attendance, and the large company thoroughly enjoyed itself. Special collapsible chairs were provided. It is to be hoped that this worthy effort at catering for the public need will be appreciated to the full.

10 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1929.
An emotional oration calling for the realisation of the ideal of the American people, but dealing largely with the promotion of peace in the world at large was delivered by President Hoover after taking the oath of office as the Chief Executive of the United States at Washington yesterday.

5 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1934.
A state of alarm, amounting virtually to martial law, was proclaimed throughout Spain to-night following a succession of reports to the Ministry of the Interior concerning the unrest in the provinces.

SIR ROBERT REID

Calcutta, Mar. 7.
The acting-Governor of Bengal, Sir Robert Reid, has undergone an operation for appendicitis. His condition is favourable.—Reuter Bulletin.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

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H. K. T. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Richard Tauber (Tenor) and De Groot and His Orchestra. "Gipsy Love"—Selection (Lehar). "De Groot and His Orchestra: All Hope is Ended (from film 'Heart's Desire'). My World is Gold Because You Love Me (film 'Heart's Desire')."

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Tancos and Walizes. Cara Mari—Tango (Zelden); Monty—Tango (Kolscher); Barnabus Vito—Tango (Moretti); Cuckoo Waltz (Jonsson); Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra; The Tango Of My Heart—Tango (Schmidtseder); Dream—In Spring—Tango (Blanco); Robert Renard Dance Orchestra; Espana Waltz (Waldteufel); Throw Open Your Window—Waltz (J. Strauss); Sydney Kite and His Piccadilly Hotel Band; La Canelon De La Ribera—Tango; Orquesta Tipica Victor; Y Haces En Voz—Tango; Francisco J. Lomulo and His Orquesta Tipica; Balsins and His Orquesta Tipica (Goldfaden-Ort. Green); Rehearsing A Lullaby—Waltz (Sigler-Goodhart-Hoffman); Phil Green and His Rhythm.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Elgar—Symphony No. 1 in A Flat Major, Op. 55.

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.

6.40 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.51 Songs by John McCormack (Tenor).

Love's Secret (Bink-Bantock); Gathering Clouds (arr. Bain); With Sweet Content (Macdermald-Sanderson); Ever in My Mind (Taylor Russell); with Piano accomp. by Percy Kahn.

7.03 Marcel Mule (Saxophone); Le Cygne (Saint-Saens); Variations Sur Menuet (arr. Combelles); with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gaveau; Sadko-Chanson Hindou (Rimsky-Korsakov); with Piano accomp.

7.12 A Programme of Dance Music. Quickstep—Eve Gay (A. Pocketful Of Dreams (film 'Sing you Sinners'); Slow Fox-Trot—It May Be... Hurry Up and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Fox-Trots—Laugh And Call It Love (film 'Sing you Sinners'); On The Dumpy Road To Love... Teddy Wilson and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Non Wynn; Fox-Trots—Smiling A Song For The Old Folks; Smile And Sing Your Cares Away... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me (Piano); Waltzes—Colorado Sunset (film same); That Night In Avalon... Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Fox-Trots—Love's Old Sweet Melody; Any Broken Hearts To Mend... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me (Piano); Slow Fox-Trot—Two Sleepy People (film 'Thanks for the Memory'); Quickstep—Summer's End... Victor Silvester and His Bull-room Orchestra; Tell Me These Things, Don't Let That Moon Get Away... Jack Hylton and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Fox-Trot—This is Madness... Russ Morston and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Ketebebe—In Holiday Mood-Suite.

The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Clifford Greenwood.

8.15 London Relay—"Empire Exchange".

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

Market conditions continue steady. With the exception of Trans, which changed hands in fair quantities, scrip is not readily available, and enquiries will have to be made at higher levels to induce holders to meet the demand.

Buyers
Canton Insurance \$220
H.K. Fire Insurance \$185
Wharves \$110
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H.K. Dock (New) \$160
Roads \$15
H.K. Lands \$30.85
H.K. Trans \$14.90
Yamut Fettes (Old) \$23.5
Yamut Fettes (New) \$22.70
China Light (Old) \$18.5
China Light (New) \$18.00
Electricity \$28.5
Sundakan Light \$10.40
Canton Ice \$1
Cement \$15.50
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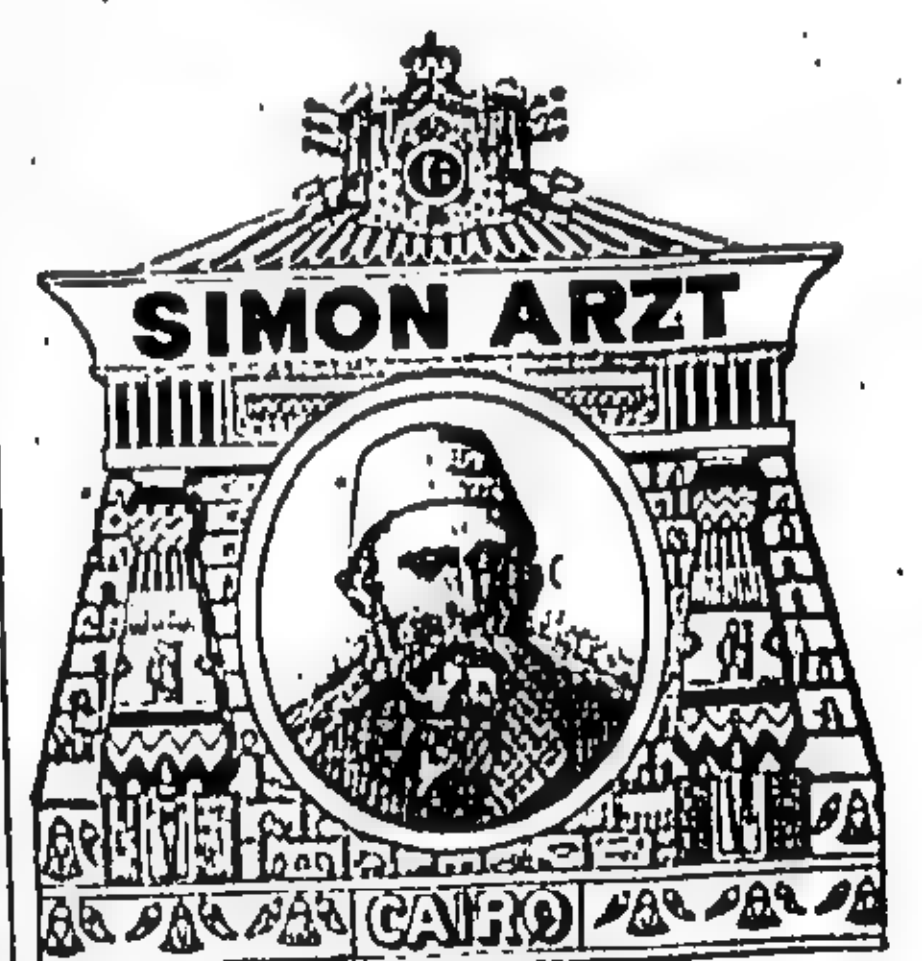
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Science and Food

Twentieth century man has lost some of the optimism with which his recent ancestors were wont to welcome the progress of science. In its practical applications science appears all too frequently to be providing a new lethal weapon, a new noise or a new labour-saving device which throws out of work some fresh category of working men. The latest of the always diversified reports of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research provides an admirable antidote to such pessimism, for a considerable section of the report is devoted to the subject of human food and to the methods discovered for keeping it both palatable and wholesome. Twenty years ago Britain was faced with a serious shortage of food, owing to political conditions which, it is common knowledge, may recur. During the emergency a Food Investigation Board was established, and it is under the auspices of this organisation, which has survived and grown during the years of peace, that some of the most important problems of food storage have been solved.

Apart from preventing attacks by insects upon stored grain—a form of wastage which costs Britain at least £500,000 a year and still requires remedy—the report mentions three specific problems, the storage of apples and pears, the chilling of beef, and the keeping fresh of fish. Ten years ago the "gas-storage" of fruit was still in the experimental stage; 20 years ago the term was wholly unknown. To-day there are 3,000,000 cubic feet of storage provided to keep apples and pears fresh by this method. Less than six years ago the first consignment of chilled beef left New Zealand for London; in 1937 the two southern Dominions sent 750,000 hundredweight of beef carried in special chambers enriched with carbon-dioxide, and the process has allowed meat to arrive in far better, and certainly in far more palatable, condition than former methods of crude refrigeration allowed. Fish, again, which in present conditions can be kept really fresh only 10 to 12 days, has been experimentally preserved for as much as two years by new processes of "brine-freezing"—a point of which our sorely stricken fishing industry will, it is to be hoped, avail itself. With fish, with fruit, and to a lesser degree with butcher's meat, the problem of preserving food is not simply one of keeping it "good" during transport, but of using a seasonal product all the year round. In the past the scientific storage of food has chiefly helped the importer, but there is no reason why it should not help the home producer as well, as has the cognate development of canning. The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, a Government Department, has led the way, but it is for industry itself, as the report points out, to avail itself of the advances.

A WORLD CRUISE!
How thrilling that
sounds—and thrilling
it is.

"What goes on aboard?" is a question asked everywhere, so for the benefit of those who have never had the great experience I will try to give a brief outline.

Let's leave New York at eleven a.m. on January 7.

The siren is shrieking. Those who have come to see the lucky ones away and bid them "Bon Voyage" pour down the gangway to the shouts of "All Visitors ashore, please."

Streamers thrown from the high decks fall on the crowds waving on the dock as the ship slowly pulls away from the Pier to which she will return on May 14 after cruising 30,000 miles and visiting 29 ports.

WE STAY—on deck—to wave farewell to the Statue of Liberty and then go to our apartments to unpack, secretly admiring those dainty evening dresses and snappy sports clothes chosen so carefully.

Then, out on the Promenade Deck to look our fellow passengers over, making mental notes of those we should like to meet. At seven the dressing chimes sound and we hurry to our stateroom wondering just what to wear—if everyone will be dressed for dinner—and decide to dress anyway.

To the smart Cocktail Bar, where a cheery group is gathered and gratefully accept an invitation to join them. (We DO feel a bit lost at the moment.)

Then dinner in the great Dining Saloon. We look the menu over. What a choice of food! Let's see Some consomme perhaps—and a tiny piece of sole—so big. Now what? The attentive steward suggests chicken Maryland. Perfect! Ummm! some fresh green peas, and yes, a little cauliflower. No—no potatoes (Don't want to get fat!) then . . . Peach Melba. No—not even a savoury to-night. That's plenty. The dishes follow one another in quick succession as we chatter to table companions. All the food is delicious and we consume far too much for the good of our figure. The man on my right suggests coffee and liqueur in the Cathay Lounge. Yes, indeed, we'd love it.

At 9.30 the Dance Band draws us to the great Mayfair Lounge. The charming Social Directress approaches: bids us "welcome", makes a few introductions and away we whirl. Midnight! and so to bed.

WHERE DOES the time go? We've met hosts of people now and find we have many mutual friends. There is always something arranged for after-

noons and evenings but mornings are usually free, except Sundays when Holy Mass is celebrated in the Empress Room by the Roman Catholic Chaplain and Divine Service in the Mayfair Lounge by the Church of England Chaplain. We attend Divine Service and see the Choir, consisting of smart little bellboys and a few other members of the crew file in one door, while the laundry girls file in the other, taking their places on either side of the Table draped in a Union Jack. Then comes the Chaplain followed by some of the senior officers. It is quite impressive and we feel we are in a real Church.

IN A FEW DAYS the weather grows warmer and the decks are filled with people taking their daily dozen, sitting in deck chairs, chatting in little groups, or just gazing over the side and drinking in the fresh breezes.

A number of smart costumes take my eye. One charming older woman, immaculately groomed, is wearing a rose beige wool dress under a top coat that matches perfectly, with a hat of exactly the same shade crowning her beautifully waved white hair. Another, a dashing brunette, is wearing blue slacks, blue pullover and a quaint little crownless blue felt hat. A blonde in pearl grey knit with touches of coral, is the cynosure of all eyes. There are many smart knitted costumes, but sport dresses in flannel seem to be the most popular.

UP ON the Tennis Court a fast match is under way; the girls clad in shorts and shirts and the men in slacks and sweaters.

There is quite a "gallery" who cheer lustily at the winning point and all join the players for a "Quick one" in the Tennis Court Cafe. On the Sun Deck quoits and shuffleboard are in progress, while on the Sports Arena two sporting games of Deck Tennis are fought to a finish.

We wander down to the Library to choose a book and find half a dozen others on the same errand. At the writing tables three cruise members are scribbling industriously—diaries, no doubt. Strains of "Melody in F" come from the Mayfair where the Tea Concert is in progress so we sink down in a big easy chair to listen and sip tea. This "afternoon tea" becomes a habit and we soon know when it is four o'clock by that strange longing for "the cup that cheers".

Five o'clock! Off to the movies in the Empress Room which last until 6.15. Still time for a swim before dinner! We slip into our snappiest bathing suit and down to the Olympian Pool to join the jolly group of swimmers, divers, and those who just splash.

THERE HAVE been many delightful events. A general reception at which the Cruise Director and his staff met the cruise members. (Note we are cruise members and not just passengers.) Then a Tea for the Younger Set. A Cocktail Party for the Bachelors, and informal Tea Dance, followed by a jolly "Get-Together" Dinner and Dance. Early in the cruise dancing classes are held so that those who are shy about appearing on the ballroom floor may

"brush up" their dancing. In addition, lessons are given in the Lambeth Walk, the Palais Glide, Eleanor Glide, and so forth.

"Won \$20 at Kono" confides a newly-found friend. "Let's celebrate with a drink." And that's how it goes, so many charming and friendly people. In my apartment I find an invitation to a Cocktail Party, to be held in the Card Room; about forty are invited, convivial souls—all chattering at once.

Feel a bit "let-down" to-day, for no earthly reason, so off to the Turkish Bath, then to the smart Beauty Parlour for a shampoo, wave, facial, and manicure, and come out feeling "on top of the world." "Woman—thy name is vanity," said a very wise man once upon a time!

There are plenty of Bridge lovers aboard and the Bridge Parties held in the Empress Room are well attended with nice prizes for the winners. Horse and Yacht Racing on the after deck are always fun, with the betting fast and furious. Two small bellboys throw the dice and sailors move the horses or yachts.

Find I have mislaid my cold cream. Must visit the Shop to see if they have my favourite brand. Yes, they have! And what a variety of other things . . . all the way from a package of pins to a fully fitted dressing case.

THE DAY of our arrival at lovely Madeira a Treasure Hunt was held, with everyone so busy attempting to "discover" the treasure we had quite a shock when looking to port we "discovered" the island quite close.

Ports of call are frequent in the Mediterranean and the days at sea are always welcomed to give us a chance to rest up. Before each port an Illustrated Talk is given by the Cruise Lecturer, and most instructive they are.

Cocktail parties are now the thing when anywhere from twenty to a hundred congenial souls gather for a "get together" before dinner. And the Sports Tournaments are "going strong" with many a hard fought battle taking place.

Up to Suez woollen sports clothes and dark evening things were "just right" but now thin voiles, smart printed cottons, and shady hats are the thing with wispy evening dresses of fine lace, net, tropical crepe and so forth the correct wear. The men have changed also, and very smart they look in their white evening jackets.

The Outer Pool has replaced the Olympian in popularity and Mermaids and Mermen in the briefest of aults are acquiring a golden tan as they laze around the deck between dips in the pool. Such fun! Someone brings along a Victrola, and all join in the choruses of the latest popular songs. There are two orchestras aboard—one for dancing and one for classical music. We

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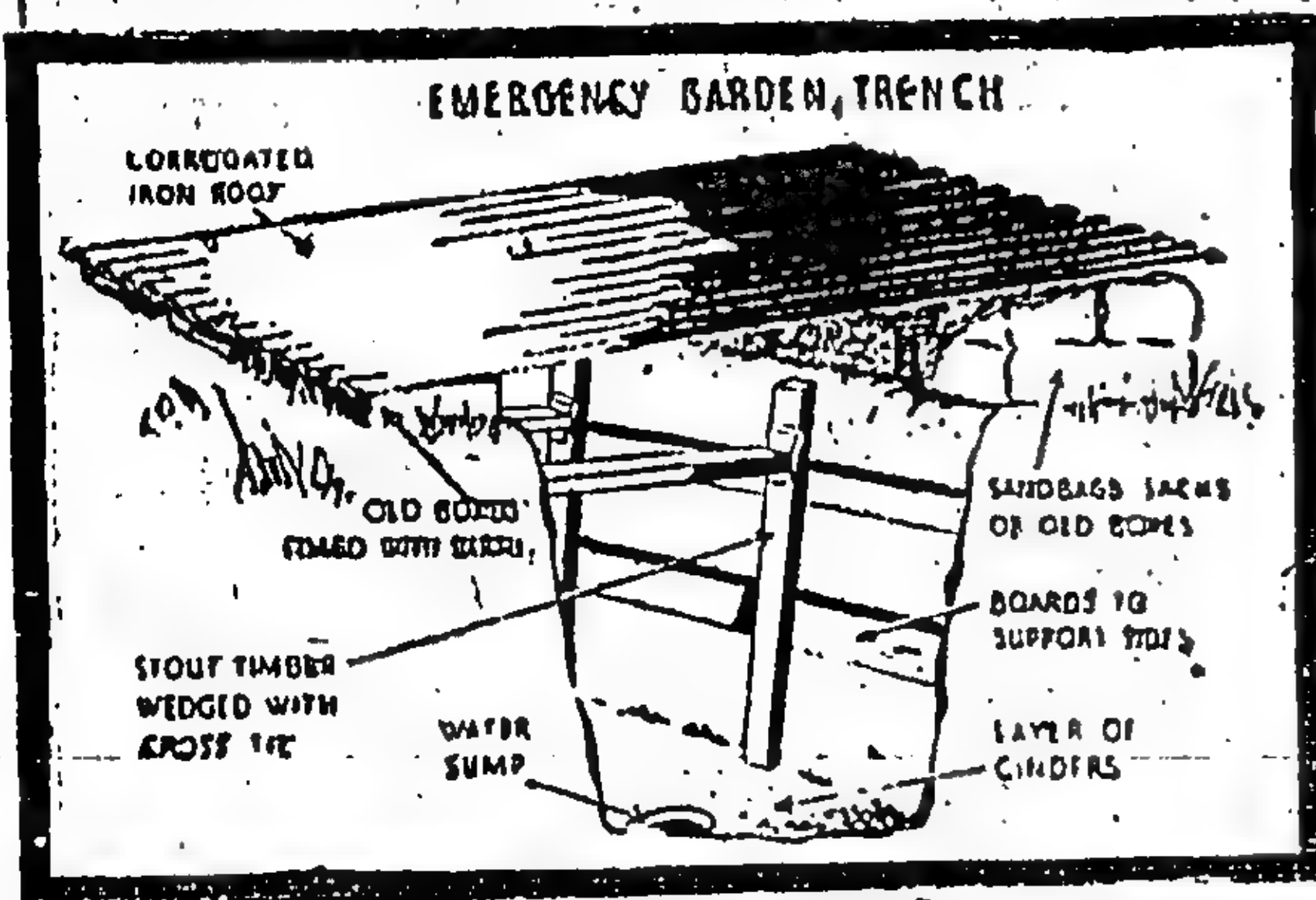


GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Stop being rude and interrupting mother, Lucy—I can't hear a thing they're saying at the other table!"

HOW TO MAKE A REFUGE FOR SIX



THIS emergency trench, to accommodate six people, could rapidly be prepared in a garden. It is drawn from designs prepared at the Home Office. The shelter is 4ft. 6ins. deep and 4ft. 6ins. wide at the top, narrowing to 3ft. 6ins. at the bottom. For six people the trench should be 10ft. long. It is covered with corrugated iron or planks, resting on sand-bags, sacks or boxes filled with earth from the excavation.

This covering should be laid at a slight slope to drain off rain water and should be dressed with two or three inches of earth to hold the roof down. The remaining earth should be piled against the sides of the boxes or sand-bags.

A short length of the roof—just sufficient to admit an adult—should be free from earth covering so that it can be moved to admit the occupants and closed up when they are inside. In many cases the sides of the trench will stand without support

for a considerable period. In other cases they should be supported by boards or corrugated iron as shown in the diagram.

The floor of the trench should be cut to slope slightly towards a hole in the ground, made large enough for a bucket to be dipped in. The floor should be covered with a layer of cinders or boards to keep it dry.

The trench should be dug some distance from buildings to avoid the risk of wreckage falling on it. If the garden space is large enough the distance should be at least twenty feet.

A shelter thus made is, of course, not gas-proof, but would provide excellent protection against blast and splinters from high explosive bombs. The occupants should take their gas masks with them to the shelter in case of gas attack.

Lady Northcote To Open Colony's Air Raid Precaution Exhibition

HONGKONG'S FIRST Air Raid Precautions Exhibition will be opened at the Peninsula Hotel at 2.30 p.m. to-day by Lady Northcote.

The exhibition has been divided into three sections, two of which are inside the Peninsula and the third on the railway allotment opposite.

A total of thirty-three exhibits will cover the entire field of A.R.P. work.

In the interior exhibition one room will contain, in addition to an Information Bureau, the following:

- Full Size Window.**—Window is unprotected. Arrows indicate where gas would penetrate.
- Full Size Window.**—All cracks between window frame and wall sealed up, using putty or pulp made of newspaper and water.
- Cover with strong brown paper** pasted over.
- Cellophane** to prevent collapse in case the glass is cracked.
- Several layers**, if possible, glued on both sides of the glass with cellulose lacquer, gum or other adhesive. The layers overlap on to the frame.
- Two layers** of blanket and strong wire netting fastened to a wooden frame which is a good fit against the window.
- Carpet nailed to window**, ready to lower for protection against glass splinters, or for use at night, to prevent light showing outside.
- Wooden frame and thumb screws** to fasten carpet in place when lowered.
- Full Size Door.**—A felt covered batten nailed to floor so that door closes against it.
- Felt filled round door frame** to complete gas tight joint between door and frame.
- All cracks and joints in door** sealed by pasting paper strips over them.
- Keyhole plugged and sealed**, key tied to door handle.
- Blanket fixed to outside of door** frame by wooden battens nailed along the top, from top to floor down the hinge side and half way down the handle side. One foot of blanket allowed to trail on to floor.
- Full Size Window.**—A wall of sandbags or boxes filled with earth, sand, broken stone, coal, etc., built round window opening and overlapping it for at least one foot in each direction.
- Splinter protection** is afforded if the wall is of minimum thickness 2 feet 6 inches.
- In example, protection is given by boxes filled with sand.
- Typical Chinese Tenement Block.**—One half is unprotected.
- The other half demonstrates the methods employed to protect against splinters, blast and gas.
- A Refuge Room has been constructed on one floor to provide shelter for all the tenants in that section.
- Method of Sealing Door After the Family is Inside.**—Door locked and key tied to handle. Keyhole plugged.
- All joints and cracks in door and between door, frame and floor, sealed by pasting over with strips of strong paper.
- Method of Trench for Occupants of a Private House.**—A trench has been constructed in the garden of a private house to provide shelter for the occupants in case of an Air Raid.
- Model of Shelter Trench System.**—A zig zag trench system designed to give Air Raid protection to the employees of a Factory.
- How to choose a Refuge Room.**—Domestic Fire Fighting Appliances.
- (a) A.R.P. Appliances and (b) Rextorm Fire Extinguishers displayed by Messrs. A. W. Turner & Co.
- Typical Gas-protected Room.**—This room has been gas-proofed in the approved manner, equipped and prepared for use as a Refuge Room in time of emergency.
- Methods of protection are fully indicated by notices inside room.
- Things to Collect for the Refuge Room.**—String, scissors, hammer and nails, gummed paper and adhesive tape, pot of paste or gum, sheets of cellophane, brown paper and newspaper, electric torches, needles and thread, tin or jars with air tight lids, for storing food, bottles for storing drinking water, box of First Aid supplies, clean rags, bottle of disinfectant, pair of dark blue glasses (non-inflammable).
- Protective Clothing.**—The Heavy Anti-Gas Clothing is worn by personnel who may be required to carry out their duties in the highest concentrations of vapour or in liquid Blister Gas, e.g. Decontamination Squads.
- The Light Anti-Gas Clothing is worn by personnel not likely to be working for long in heavy concentrations of gas, but who may require protection from both liquid and vapour, e.g. Air Raid Wardens.
- The Family prepare their Refuge Room.
- Model of a Chinese House.**—One room has been protected against blast splinters and gas and has been equipped for use as an Air Raid Warden's Post.
- Series of Pictures Illustrating the Duties of an Air Raid Warden.**—Effect on a House of various sized Bombs bursting 10 feet away.
- Various Devices for Dimming House Lighting.**—Including shade made from an old tin, shade made from a piece of dark blue cloth, and special A.R.P. electric bulbs, exhibited by Messrs. The General Electric Co. of China Ltd. and by Messrs. Anderson Meyer & Co.

ROOM NO. 2

Care of Respirator.—Different types of Respirator are on exhibition and may be tried on by those desiring to do so. The respirators will be fitted and instructions in wearing given by the qualified demonstrator in attendance.

Chart showing where War Gases attack the Human Body.

War Gases—Visual and Smelling Samples.—**Small Incendiary Bomb.**—Sample of the "Kilo" Electron Incendiary Bomb. Weight is approximately 2½ lbs.

The Service Respirator.—**The Civilian Duty Respirator.**—**Scale Model of a First Aid Post.**—Lay-out designed to deal with Wounded, Contaminated Wounded and Contaminated persons of both sexes.

Full Size Airlock for large residences.—An Airlock is a compartment placed at the entrance to a gas-protected building or room, so that persons may pass in and out without admitting gas.

Two blankets placed not less than four feet apart so that first may be opened and shut again before the second is used.

Wooden battens nailed inside and outside of blankets to make them fit into the inclined frames.

When in use, the blankets should be kept wet.

When not in use, the blankets can be rolled up and tied at the top.

OUTDOOR EXHIBITS

Full Size Garden Trench Shelter to accommodate six persons. Where space is available in a garden, a trench of this type provides excellent protection except against direct hits. In order that the trench shall be clear of any chance of being buried under wreckage, it should be at least 20 ft. from a building.

Full particulars as to how this Trench can be constructed will be given, on request, by the qualified instructor.

Models of Shelters displayed by Messrs. Warren & Co. Ltd.:

- (a) Trenches formed of sheet iron with Gas-tight doors and emergency exit at top.
- (b) Shelter in pre-cast concrete with suitable entrance and exit arranged to enable a family to enter and leave quickly.
- (c) Shelter in flat pre-cast concrete slabs protected by sand-bags, earth and brush-wood.
- (d) Two types of doors and ventilator-appliances.
- (e) Sand Container.
- (f) Long-handled Scoop.
- (g) Hand Stirrup Pump.

Four Types of Wall.—Showing materials and thicknesses to provide protection against Blast and Splinters from a 500-lb. Bomb bursting not less than 50 feet away:

- (a) 2 ft. 6 ins. solid earth or sand in bags.
- (b) 14 in. of brickwork, set in cement mortar.
- (c) 12 in. of reinforced concrete.
- (d) 2 ft. 6 ins. rubble or earth contained between sheets of corrugated iron.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

Rextorm Fire Extinguishers displayed by Messrs. A. W. Turner & Co.

Special A.R.P. electric bulbs, exhibited by Messrs. The General Electric Co. of China Ltd. and by Messrs. Anderson Meyer & Co.

Models of Shelters as displayed by Messrs. Warren & Co. Ltd.

Altogether there were 166 disputes during the year, and Russia replied to only 51 of the protests.

No case has been settled, but two have been partially settled.

The disputes are stated to have arisen over cases of illegal crossing of the frontier, shooting, kidnapping, interference with river traffic, illegal land surveys, and the destruction of border posts.

The latest incident reported to-day is from Harbin, where ten Soviet cavalrymen are alleged to have crossed the border north of Suifu.

Before they were repelled, one cavalryman was wounded.—*Reuter.*

HEALTH BULLETINS

One case each of Small-pox, Diphtheria, Typhoid and Dysentery, three each of Scarlet Fever and 34 of Tuberculosis, nine of Measles, and 11 of Meningitis, were reported on Monday.

Last week, 15 cases of Small-pox with 16 deaths (seven imported), eight of Diphtheria with four deaths, 11 of Typhoid with two deaths, 67 of Measles with 39 deaths, 17 of Chicken-pox, 26 of Meningitis with 11 deaths, 12 of Dysentery with four deaths, and 170 of Tuberculosis with 33 deaths, were also reported.

Revenue from stamps is also behind at £18,820,000 against £18,410,000 at this time last year, and the estimate of £24,000,000.

On the other hand, income tax and surtax together have brought in nearly £35,000,000 more, and customs and excise nearly £3,000,000 more than a year ago.

Total expenditure, less self-balancing items and sinking funds, is £18,660,000, against £19,328,332 at the corresponding date of 1938.

The floating debt outstanding is £202,060,000, a net increase of £60,305,000 since the beginning of the financial year.—*British Wireless.*

London, Mar. 7.—The "London Gazette" announces that the Duke of Gloucester has been appointed a Grand Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in the British realm, in the place of the Duke of Connaught, who has resigned.—*Reuter.*

HONGKONG AH-OY!

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are dancing on the After Deck now. Small tables surround the dance floor where happy groups sip cool drinks between dances.

MY! How the miles—and the days slip by. Our first Costume Ball was a jolly affair, with a gay medley of costumes—Sheik in turban and burnoose, vendors selling beads and carpets, Nautch girls in flowing skirts, Hindu ladies in glorious saris, pirates in hip boots and gleaming swords, cowboys in ten-gallon hats, Snowwhite and the Seven Dwarfs, a high executioner complete with axe, devils, monkeys, court ladies, wooden soldiers, veiled ladies, flower sellers, and dozens of other novel costumes appeared to advantage on the gayly-decorated Tennis Court over which a golden moon shone softly.

It is impossible to give a detailed description of all the events held aboard but we must mention an amusing affair called an Elephant Dinner (With the elephants used for decoration and not for steaks) which brought out much talent among cruise members. They transformed their tables in the dining saloon into jungle scenes, circuses, parades, and so forth—so cleverly done that the judges had a hard time deciding on the winners.

THOUSANDS OF miles have been covered since we left New York.

Many are the ports we have visited, where we have seen things it is hard to believe exist, but best of all we have made hosts of friends.

So much to do—so much going on—Gym workouts, a Black and White Ball—an Oriental Pageant with all the glory and richness of Far Eastern Customs making a marvellous sight—dinners and dances for Bobbie Burns birthday, St. Patrick's Day and similar events, sing songs when many voices go echoing over the silent sea—orchestral concerts—real old-time Sea Shanties sung by the ship's crew; the boarding of Neptune's Herald, an awesome, wet, seaweedy creature who comes up from the Briny Deep. At the "Crossing the Equator" Ceremonies the crew, dressed in weird costumes and headed by an impressive Neptune and his "lovely" wife, have a field day when cruise members are lathered, shaved, and dumped unceremoniously into the pool.

Then there is a Mermaid Ball, at which time the ladies do the choosing and the men have to wait to be asked to dance. And do the girls come into their own on that night!

The Country Fair, held on the Tennis Court is very gay, with coconut shy, coaters fortune tel-

lers, hoopla, and so forth making the court look like an old-time Fair Ground. An eagerly awaited event is the White Elephant Sale when all those treasures we bought at various ports and now decide we can live without are sold to the highest bidder. What a sale! Girls acting as the "horses" add a spice to the Caribbean Derby, with heavy betting of sometimes hundreds of dollars on the favourite. On St. George's Day everyone wore the traditional rose, English airs are played and the famous roast beef of Old England forms the main course at the special dinner. A special dinner was held for George Washington's Birthday, with appropriate decorations and favours.

There are a thousand more things to tell of but we must stop sometime, and we are coming to the end of our cruise. Yes, days pass quickly everywhere but aboard the Empress of Britain we can truthfully say "Tempus Fugit."

IN THE days to come what memories we shall have! What a number of things to talk over, and the acquaintances we have made will become friends, who will know and understand when we speak of far far places and the lovely ship, which carried us on our world cruise.

Ten Million Workless Unemployment In United States

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—A **AMERICA'S** unemployed during January increased by nearly 750,000 compared with December, says the National Industrial Conference Board.

The total of 10,645,000 showed a decrease of 250,000 compared with January, 1938.—*Reuter Special.*

NEW RUMANIAN PREMIER

Paris, Mar. 7. Unfeigned satisfaction prevails in political circles here at the appointment of M. Calinescu to succeed Patriarch Miron Cristea as the Rumanian Premier.

M. Calinescu's energetic action against the Iron Guard has met with general approval here, and it is also stressed that the new Premier is a sincere friend of France.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

assassin aphixia
assessant porcupine
popinjay subaqueous
English—Oxford Dictionary. spellings of these words will be found on page 9.



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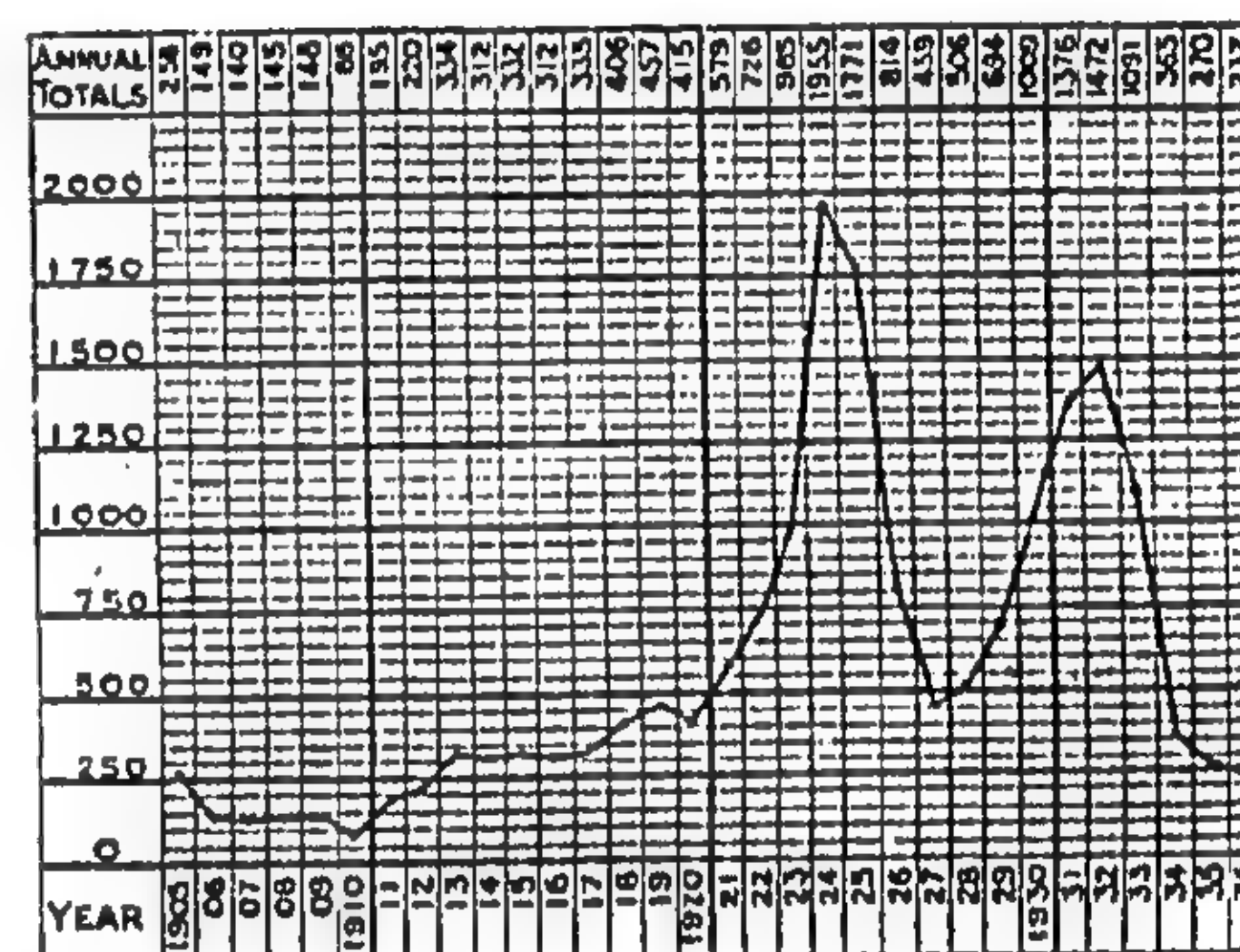


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**H. D. RUMJAHN,
LAI KWONG-TSUN
FULLY EXTENDED**

Of the eight matches down for decision in the tennis championships at the Hong-kong C.C. yesterday, only six were played, walk-overs being conceded by J. M. Tomlinson and W. A. Land to Lam Kwan and W. J. Howard respectively.

RUMJAHN EXTENDED

If the score of 6-3, 6-4 indicated a comfortable victory for Rumjahn over Wong Fuk-nam, it is a false impression. The score rather built the tightness of a struggle, the outstanding feature of which was Wong's hard and fast play. Rumjahn, who appeared to be winners all the way. If for nothing else, Wong deserved to get more than seven games because of his pluck; but apart from this phase of his play, he also shone in his volleys and ground strokes. He showed a keen eye for not only his pacy, as those of his opponent.

Many were the sustained rallies which ended finally in favour of the Chinese. Deep drives, smashes and angled volleys were returned in practically by Wong, and Rumjahn was forced into making mistakes. But on the whole it was

The M.C.C. are at the moment in a very unfavourable position in the Fifth and Final Cricket Test against South Africa now being played at Durban. Against the South Africans, a total of 530 in the first innings, the Englishmen had scored 268 for seven wickets at close of play yesterday. Leslie Ames, with 82 not out, is the tourists' main hope of narrowing down the margin between the two scores.

The heavy rainfall yesterday which necessitated the drawing of stumps earlier than usual on the third day of the Final Test lasted until early this morning. Consequently the wicket was damp.

L. Hutton 24 and Pryn timer resumed their place at the wicket before a crowd of 1,500 in overcast weather. Both batsmen showed extreme caution in bringing over the score of 35 to 50, which took a total of 122 minutes to make.

With the score at 64 Hutton ran out owing to a misjudgment. He drove a cover and caught to the wicket keeper. Pryn timer batted the wicket waves. Pryn timer batted. Pryn timer continued to run. Van Byl returned the ball from Hutton and Hutton was run out by van Byl.

He scored 28 and batted for 100 minutes.

Hammond joined Pryn timer and carried the score to 92-3, when

OPEN DOUBLES
E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson
beat Pang Oi-lam and W. Chung, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yui-pui beat T. C. Monaghan and T. I. Gould 6-2, 6-2.

DULL MATCHES

The other singles matches were dull indeed. Lee Wal-played only at half-speed against C. Lau and yet was able to win the loss of only one game in sets; Leung Ping-chiu was out-extended by Lee Chen-man.

C. T. Monaghan and T. J. Gould
 6-2, 6-2. A more even fight was
 between E. E. O'Leary and J.
 Ferguson, and Pang Oi-lam and
 Chung, The Hongkong
 after needed a close-fought
 set after the games, finally won
 TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME
 The following is the programme
 matches to-day:
 Singles.—L. D. C. Misra v.
 Yee-wing; W. Sander v. Chan
 keung; B. Sreto v. H.
 Minda; J. S. Conrad.
 Doubles.—A. Crawford and I.
 Doublebridge v. Tsol Ping-fan
 Ng Kam-chuen; L. J. S. The
 and Capt. A. B. Whitman v. L.
 L. A. Newham and Major
 Haynes v. S. A. and H. D. R.
 and J. S. Conrad; J. S. Conrad
 V. Remedios and J. Gonsalves
 Rumliah and S. A. Hussain.

TOURIST

POSITIONAL TEST

oment in a very unfavour
al Cricket Test against So
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first innings, the English
ickets at close of play yes
not out, is the tourists' r
he margin between the

lunch interval arrived. Paynter scored 28 and Hammond 11.

Afternoon's Play

The crowd had increased to after lunch, with the weather and cool.

The 100 went on the board in 21 minutes of play. Paynter survived two appeals for I.B. Newton.

Hammond was stumped by Cason off Dalton, 125-3. He attempted to drive and was beaten by a left-breaker to score of 24 was in 16 minutes.

Paynter was out eventually to Langton when he was trapped a break-back, 169-4. He scored including three boundaries, 11 minutes.

Langton was joined by Edric the latter, after scoring, was faced Langton to give an easy to Rowan at silly mid-on 175.

The score was brought to 117 tea-time, Ames having scored

DOUBLES HOLDERS THROUGH

In the Junior Men's Singles, S. Boone beat Leslie Sung by 17-15-2.

London, Mar. 7.
In the First Division of the English Football League Grimsby, at home, defeated Stoke City by 3-1 to-day.
In the First Division of the Scottish League, Clyde, at home, defeated Aberdeen to a draw, each side scoring once.—Reuter.

Eric Boon, a 19-year-old boxer who developed a punch by swinging a sledge in his father's blacksmith shop, wants *Hechtwehl* champion

Room is lightweight champion of the British Empire. He can hit with both hands and is thinking seriously about invading the United States. When he does, he wants Armstrong. When he concedes that Armstrong, with his crowding-hammering style, would worry any boxer, and he thinks the style is one that he can

Despite his youth, Boon has had more than 200 fights. He won the British championship last December by knocking out Dave Crowley in the 13th round.

Syd Hulla, boxing promoter, regards Boon as the best British lightweight to come along in 25 years.

Boon's friends and handlers are having a hard time getting him to concentrate upon the immediate future, instead of thinking ahead to a bout with Armstrong. All during the negotiations for the Donahue bout Boon was thinking and talking about a crack at Armstrong.

Strangely, it is neither Armstrong nor Joe Louis whom Boon admires most among the American boxers. It is Max Baer, the former world heavyweight champion.

"Of all the American fighters I've seen I like Baer best," he said. "How he can punch and what a personality."

Boon has since defended his

courageous driving, and Valentine 4. The Springboks were on their toes the whole time, Gordon and Langton bowling inspiringly on a wicket which was giving some assistance but was not difficult.

After tea there was a crowd of 9,000 on the ground to watch the piny.

Ames, with powerful driving off all the bowlers, reached his 50 after 97 minutes' batting, having hit five fours in the process.

His partnership with Valentine had yielded 58 in 51 minutes. Then Valentine was stumped by Grieverson off Dalton after scoring 26. The total was now 229 for six wickets.

Verily, next man in, saw the score being taken to 245 and then he was bowled by Dalton. His contribution was three

At 208 for seven, stumps were drawn owing to bad light.	
Ames had 82 not out and Wright five not out. Ames had been batting magnificently and was at the wicket for 155 minutes for his runs, which included seven fours.	Hats by Scotts and by Aquascutum, Jaeger, Braemar Hanan and K Sh and English Twee
Scores:	
South Africa.—1st Inn. 530.	
M.C.C.—1st Inn.	
Hutton, run out	28
P. A. Gibbs, c Grieverson, b	4
Newson	62
Paynter, l.b.w. b Langton	34
W. R. Hammond, st. Grieverson, b Dalton	24
Ames, not out	82
Edrich, c Rowan, b Langton	1
D. H. Valentine, st. Grieverson, b Dalton	26
Verity, b Dalton	5
Wright, not out	5
Extras	23
Total (for 7 wkts.)	265
Fall of wickets:—1. (Gibbs) for 9; 2. (Hutton) for 42; 3. (Hammond) for 126; 4. (Paynter) for 169; 5. (Edrich) for 171; 6. (Valentine) for 229; 7. (Verity) for 243.	

POLICE TEAM MAY GO FAR BUT CLUB SIDE LOOKS WEAK

This afternoon, starting at 4.30 p.m. on the Club ground at Happy Valley, further matches in the first round of the Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament will be played off. To-day's games should be more attractive than those on Monday: not that Monday's were dull, but because some of the best sides are playing to-day.

It will cause no surprise if one of the teams to play this afternoon should win the Blarney Shield.

It looks as if the first game to be played will be the tit-bit of the evening's programme. Ever since the "Police" put a team on the "Police" field late in the season, they have been compelled to participate in friendly games and in this, the first competitive, match for the players concerned, they will be keyed up to give of their best. Last year they were first in the competition, only to fall at the hands of Club "A", the ultimate winners of the Tournament.

Club, the Birmingham demonstrat that they were not lacking in talent and with such players as Collins, Lewis, Dicker and McCon the game from they will be a formidable seven's side.

ENGINEERS SHOULD WIN

The Royal Engineers, fresh from their success in the Army Seven's Tournament, will be expected to have the better of their tie with Small Ships "B" team.

Small Ships "A" should, after a close struggle, overcome Club "A" and the holders of the trophy. The latter, feeling a weak side owing to the fall made by the absence of their players and also the absence

The Police said reads as follows:—
Oakley, Scarle, Heath; Luscomb,
Fay, Wilson and Taylor. It does not
appear to have a single weak point,
so barring injuries they should go
far. This afternoon will be a
very stiff fight to overcome in
the seven drawn from H.M.S. Birming-
ham. Last Saturday against the
through injury of a few others, re-
count themselves lucky if they sur-
vive the first round. However, they
have tradition behind them; for a
domestic team they have a stout
count's name inscribed on it.
Middlesex "A" and Taikoo must
have a very close game. Tals
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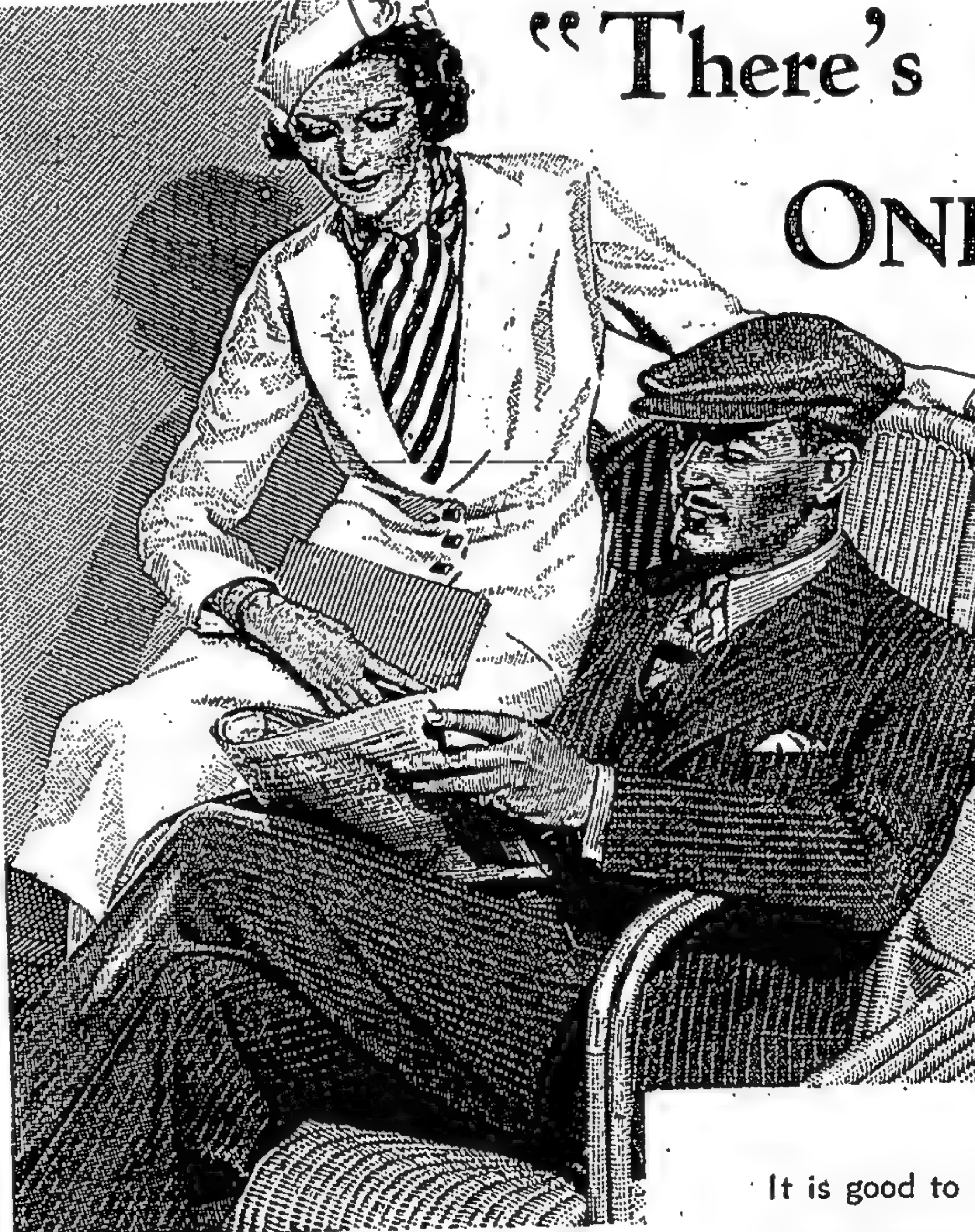
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Small Ships "A" should, after a close struggle, overcome Club "A." The latter, fielding a weak side owing to the call made by the home team on their players and also the absence through injury of a few others, can count themselves lucky if they survive the first round. However, they have tradition behind them; for a team has the Shield had an outstanding name inscribed on it.

Middlesex "A" and Talkeo should have a very close game. Talkeo

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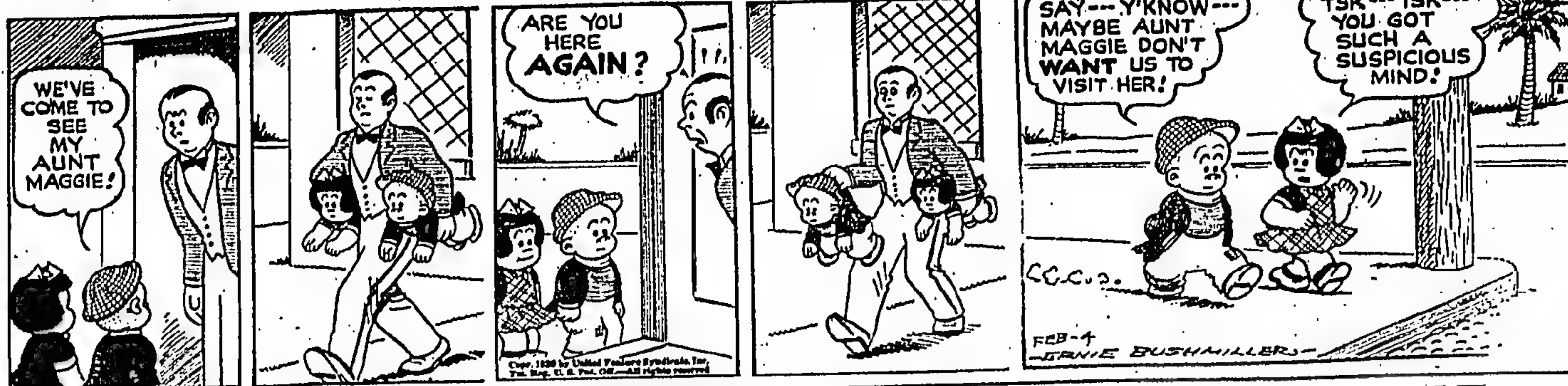
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NO THRILLS IN ARSENAL V. WOLVES GAME —

Defences Supreme from Start to Finish

By Charles Buchan

London, Feb. 2.

Arsenal 0 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0. Those people who attended Highbury expecting a thriller were sadly disappointed. The meeting between Arsenal and the Wolves looked a goal-less draw right from the start.

So supreme were two of the best defences in the country that the real scoring openings made could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Arsenal had two, both missed by Drury, and the Wolves one, when McIntosh shot straight at Wilson near the end. For the rest, the defenders had the forwards in a grip that tightened the longer the game proceeded.

For the students of modern defensive tactics, organised to the last degree, the game provided all the lessons that could be required. For those who prefer spectacular rushing combination, clever dribbling and all the things that go to the making of an entertaining game, it was as dry as dust.

Wolves were the superior side because they had a better understanding between defence and attack and a half-back line that ruled the exchanges. Gately, Cullis and Gardner were always on the ball to their attack. On the few occasions they were senten, Morris and Taylor stepped into the breach. They made Scott's job one long procession of free-kicks.

Arsenal's defence was just as effective, though in their case the backs were the strong pillars. Male was troubled by the trickery of McGuire in the early stages, but he and Haggood were always in position to cut off the Wolves attempted runs. They received able assistance from Bernard Joy, a real stopper, and Collett, a very sound deputy for the injured Coppin.

The Arsenal half-back, however, were not in the same street as those of the Wolves when it came to supporting the forwards. Gately and Cullis usually placed the ball to their forwards, but Collett and Crayston were content to send the ball forward without attempting to draw an opponent.

PRETTY, BUT USELESS

In their favour it must be said they received little help from their attack. When they had the ball to one of the forwards moved into position. They waited for the ball to be sent to them. In contrast, the young Wolves forwards were always moving about, giving their half-backs the targets they wanted. Though they moved the ball quickly and accurately, the young Wolves forwards lacked experience against such capable defenders. Some of their passing in the first half was pretty but it led nowhere. Male and Haggood were not to be caught out of position by crossfield passing.

In the first half McGuire looked an international, in the second he allowed the peritency of Male to discourage him. I thought Westcott, a dashing leader, the best of the line, with McIntosh a clever schemer. But it is as I thought with the Wolves' forwards. On a firm surface and against experienced opposition, they lack guile and footcraft. Still, they were better together than Arsenal's unimaginative forwards. With the exception of a few efforts by Drake and neat touches by Lewis, there was absolutely nothing to distinguish the front rank. Bryan Jones and Drury usually made the orthodox move, and neither anticipated the run of the play. With Kirchen held by Morris, Arsenal's attack would have been flustered if they had scored.

ARSENAL'S BEST ATTEMPTS

Drury should have done so with the two chances he had, both from long throws-in. In the first case he needed the ball weakly over the bar; in the second he hurled himself at the ball when he should have stended himself. Arsenal's best attempts came from Crayston. In the first few minutes he went through like a flash and shot over the crossbar, while in the second half he repeated the performance. Then Crayston looked more like a forward than any of his front-rank colleagues. The Wolves came nearest to scoring early in the second half when, following a corner-kick by Burton, Elagood headed Westcott's header from the goal-line. A little later, McIntosh shot across the goal with

Wilson beaten; a narrow escape. But usually, a goal was the last thing one expected from either side. Arsenal: Wilson; Male; Haggood; Crayston, B. Joy, Collett; Drake; Drury, Lewis, Jones (B), Kirchen. Wolves: Scott; Morris; Taylor; Gately, Cullis, Gardner; Burton, McIntosh, Westcott, Dorsett, McGuire.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR WEEK

The following are the League football fixtures arranged by the Hongkong Football Association for to-day and the week-end:

TO-DAY
First Division
South China "B" v. Royal Navy (Caroline Hill), 3 p.m. Referee, Hinchcliffe. Linemen, Baker and Benham.
Saturday, Mar. 11
Senior Shield Semi-final
South China "A" v. Eastern (Sookun-poo), 4 p.m. Referee, Goss. Linemen, Dove and Phillips.
First Division
Hongkong F.C. v. Kwong Wah (Hongkong F.C.), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Omar. Linemen, Farr and Stone.
Police v. Kowloon (Boundary St.), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Ip. Linemen, Denmece and Smith.
Second Division
R. Engineers v. St. Joseph's (Millitary), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Melligrew.
Hongkong F.C. v. Middlesex (Hongkong F.C.), 3 p.m. Referee, Hinchcliffe.
R. Scots v. South China (Sookun-poo), 2.30 p.m. Referee, Edwards.
Police v. Kowloon (Boundary St.), 3 p.m. Referee, Clarke.
Sunday, Mar. 12
First Division
Eastern v. St. Joseph's (Hongkong F.C.), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Dover. Linemen, Hartley and Barretto.
R. Scots v. South China "B" (Sookun-poo), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Ford. Linemen, Wyper and Horlock.
Third Division (A)
Runner-up Play Off
30th R.A. v. South China (Hongkong F.C.), 3 p.m. Referee, Havell.
Second Division
R.A.O.C. v. 5th R.A. (Sookun-poo), 3 p.m. Referee, Adiam.

Interesting Rugby Promised To-Day

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have some good players upon whom to rely. Rutherford will probably be entrusted with the scrum-half position, with Hutchison outside to him. Gosford, if fit to play, will be a valuable acquisition on the Talkoo team.

The ties to-day are:
H.M.S. Birnam v. Police "A" (4.30 p.m.)
R.F. v. Small Ships "B" (4.30)
Small Ships "A" v. Club "A" (5.10)
Middlesex "A" v. Talkoo (5.30)
Admission to the games is only 50 cents for all stands with Servicemen in uniform at half-price.

Budge Beats Vines In Final Game

Montreal, Mar. 7. Donald Budge beat Ellsworth Vines 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 in the final match of their professional lawn tennis tour. Budge won the series 22 to 17 matches.

Gate receipts of the tour totalled £40,000, and Budge's share exceeds the guaranteed £15,000.—Reuter.



Robert Young, Simone Simon and Don Ameche (top, left to right) are the three delightful stars in "Josette", now showing at the King's Theatre. Bert Lahr and Joan Davis (lower right) help the film along.

National Tournaments For Amateur Golfers

LARGEST SPORTING COMPETITIONS IN THE WORLD

The popular tournaments for men and women golfers promoted by The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post will be continued this year. These tournaments, which attracted nearly 100,000 entries in 1938, are the largest sporting competitions in the world.

No fewer than 1,055 clubs entered in the men's competition last year, and 978 clubs affiliated to the Ladies' Golf Union took part in the women's event.

There is only one alteration of importance in the conditions of play for the men's tournament, which is open to all amateur golfers who are not less than 18 years of age and who hold an official handicap of not less than six on March 1 at a club which has been allotted a standard scratch score by the English or Welsh Golf Unions.

Last year two handsome plant tankards were presented to each club for the winners of the qualifying round. It happened that some of the qualifying round winners were unable to compete in the District Finals, and their places were taken by the runners-up.

In deference to the strongly expressed wishes of the clubs concerned it has been decided that the tankards will be taken by the club's representatives in the District Final, and that if a qualifying round winner finds it impossible to represent his club in a District Final, he must retire in favour of the next available player, who will be entitled to the tankard prize under Rule 13.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Josette" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Josette (Simone Simon) substitutes for a temperamental French singer and is immediately besought by Don Ameche, naturally, think she is the Josette who has been fascinating their playboy father. The baby-faced French star sings several songs with her pleasant little pipe voice in a comedy which will do as well as anything to pass an entertaining evening. Bert Lahr and Joan Davis supply some comical moments.

"The Great Waltz" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—A bit too elephantine, but Julien Duvivier has managed to slip in a few of his characteristic brilliant flourishes. The characters and story are forgotten in the maze of the Strauss music, to hear which of course is what music-lovers go to see this picture for. Lulso Rainer, Fernand Gravet and others made the plot sound plausible.

"Snow White" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—This already well-known picture has been brought back for one day. Those who have not yet seen this, the best example of Walt Disney's art, should not miss the opportunity.

A. S. Samuel Beats English Champion

London, Feb. 25. A. S. Samuel, the Solihull badminton player, won the Sussex Championship at Hove.

He beat the All-England champion, R. C. Nichols, in the second round 15-8, 15-6.

Samuel has won these titles in Great Britain, All-Ireland, Worthing, Kent, Eastbourne, Leicester, Notts County and Sussex.

Cricket Club Teams Chosen

The following have been selected to play for the Hongkong C.C. in League matches against Cragin-gower C.C. on Saturday:
First XI (Home).—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), T. A. Pearce, L. T. Ride, J. L. C. Pearce, J. L. Halsey, C. D. N. Walker, M. F. L. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee, J. H. Fox, D. S. Blake, A. K. Mackenzie.
Second XI (Away).—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, C. M. Stark, D. S. Robb, G. E. R. Divett, H. J. Armstrong, N. P. Fox, R. M. M. King, H. J. D. Lowe, V. C. Bond, G. S. Lovett, D. O. Parsons (12th man).

SQUASH CHAMPION

London, Mar. 6. At Queen's Club to-day, Miss Margot Lumb, the British Wightman Cup tennis player, won the English Women's Squash Rackets championship for the fifth successive year, beating Miss Susan Noel, ex-champion, by 9-6, 9-1, 9-7.—Reuter.

Between Walter Winchell and Ben Bernie revived once again, and this time they are aided by Simone Simon. Entertaining picture.

Lawn Bowls Association Has Had A Good Year

Despite a deficit of \$603 shown in the Interport account, Mr. L. A. Gutterer, Hon. Treasurer of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, reported to the Council, which met yesterday in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, that the financial year had been very successful, and that the actual difference in the bank account was just over \$50. Mr. A. Hyde Lay was in the Chair, supported by Mr. C. B. Hosking, Hon. Secretary.

The loss on the income and expenditure account, stated Mr. Gutterer, was \$181.72. Receipts from competitions showed an increase over those of last year, while the Interport receipts were \$396.

The accounts were passed unanimously.

The date of the annual general meeting was fixed for Friday, March 17.

A letter from Mr. T. Armstrong which stated that a number of friends of the late Mr. P. E. Knight were desirous of perpetuating the memory of Mr. Knight by the presentation to the Association of a Phil Knight Memorial Cup for the winner of the Open Singles Championship, each year, and that could not be won outright. The Council accepted the gift with a vote of thanks.

It was also unanimously approved that a grant of \$50 be given to the Children's Playgrounds Association. A discussion of the retiring Hon. Secretary, in appreciation of his work for the Association, was concluded by the proposal that the suggestion be put to the annual general meeting on March 17. Mr. Hosking thanked the Council for their regard, and said that his work for the Association had been made much easier by the geniality and helpfulness of the Council. He was sorry to be leaving.

As successor to Mr. Hosking, Mr. Hyde Lay proposed, for the consideration of the general meeting, Mr. R. P. Phillips. He was enthusiastic, and had had previous experience in Shanghai of the necessary work, added Mr. Hyde Lay. The Council approved of the nomination.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE

The Army Cross-country championship race will take place tomorrow at 3 p.m., the start and finish being at the Polo ground, Boundary Street.

The Army Athletic Meet will also be held on the Polo Ground, on March 23 and 24.

DRIVER KILLED

Milan, Mar. 6. The 27 year-old racing car driver, Signor Renzo Cantoni, was accidentally killed to-day while currying out a trial run with a Maserati car on the Monza racing track.—Trans-Ocean.

SPORT ADVTS

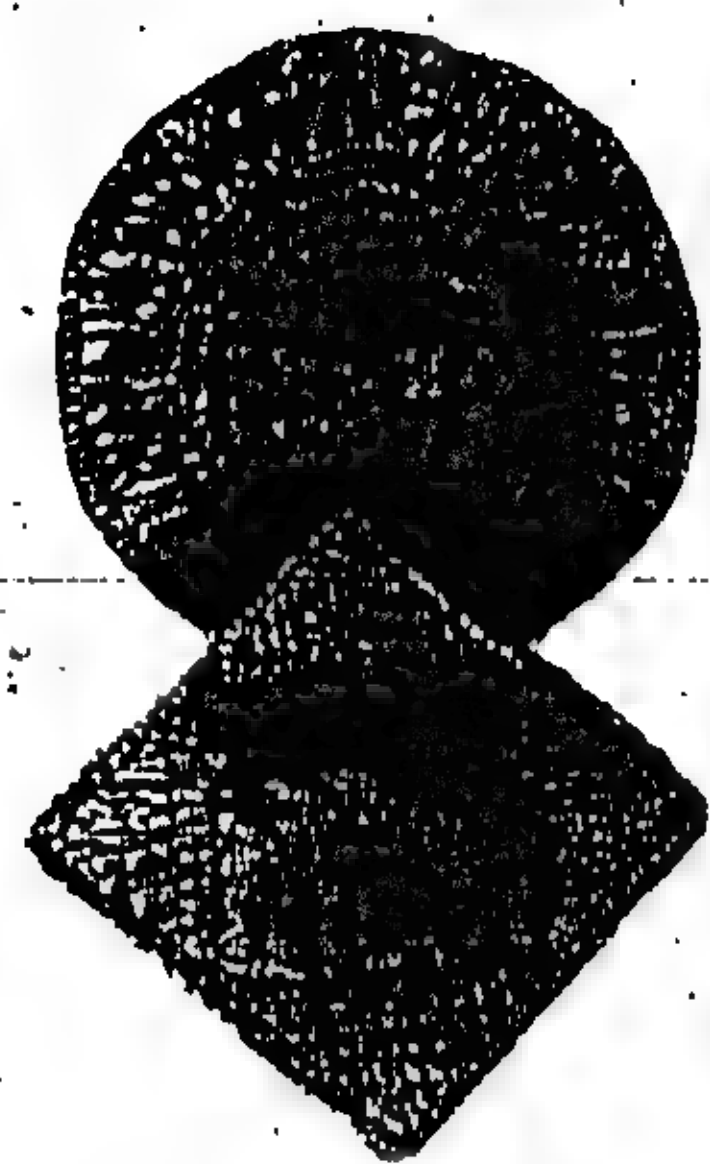
THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 18th March, 1939, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 9th March, 1939.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) assassin—assessment—popinjay asphyxia—porcupine—subaqueous

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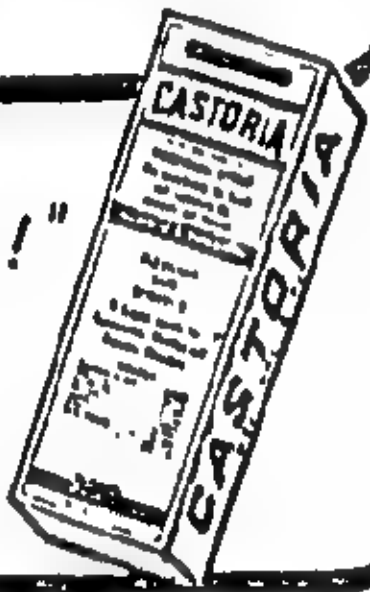
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S S "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE"	"	MAR. 31st	at 9.00 p.m.
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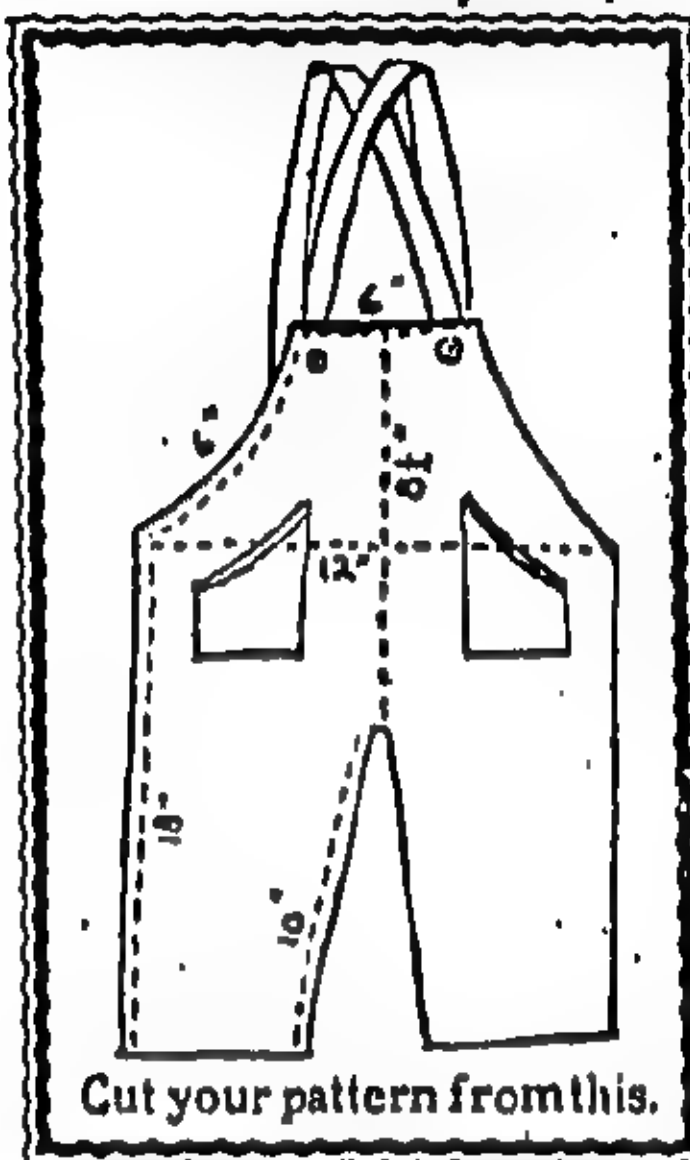
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Tidiness Can Be Overdone

REASONABLE tidiness and method are indispensable in life, but it is a mistake to make tidiness an inviolable rule. It should be one of the most elastic rules in life.

No harm can come from a little untidiness or irregularity, but a person whose mind is obsessed with the idea that every newspaper not in use must be in the rack, that an article usually inhabiting one particular drawer must on no account be housed in another, or that drawn curtains must not show as much as a corner out of the right hand becomes very annoyingly fussy. Such a mind completely fails to adjust itself to larger issues.

How can a mind think effectively and clearly about big issues when it is being continually tormented by dozens of little duties which it thinks bound to discharge to the letter?

The Question of Grooming

Even the principle of perfect grooming for women needs explaining. It is a "small" woman who has not the courage to stay a little untidy at times. It gives her personality a distinctly artificial flavour if she keeps gazing anxiously into her mirror or using the powder puff at every breathing space and sometimes in between as well. Some women would do anything rather than allow a strand of hair to re-

main out of place. Their hands become active immediately, fidgeting here, and patting there.

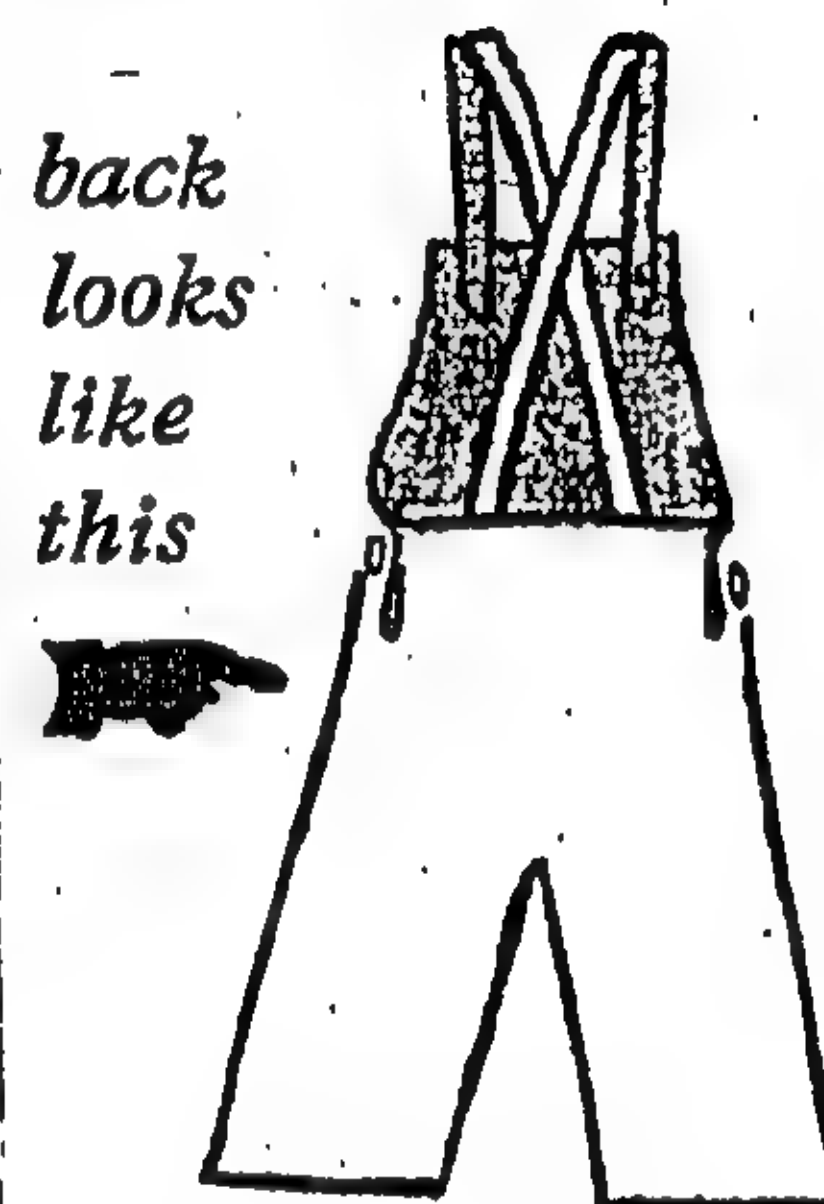
No, no one really expects a hundred-per-cent bunce-less woman. A little human disorder is always overlooked; it is much better than fussing all the time.

Then there are certain jobs during the execution of which it is a distinct waste of time to be punctilious about tidiness. One woman is such an adherent of the virtue that, even when she is sewing, the room looks as if it has just been carefully turned out. Needless to say, she is extremely slow, but she does not worry about that. There is not a pin on the floor, every scrap of material is carefully placed into a conveniently-situated paper basket, and the various parts of the garment in hand are kept strictly together and perfectly folded in a large sheet of paper.

I have seen women get up out of a comfortable seat to stifle a sneeze or throw a cinder from the hearth back into the fire. There are even women who shudder at the sight of a hair on the floor.

And the more you let that sort of thing get hold of you, the more it becomes a habit. On the other hand, if you discipline yourself to let tidiness be your servant and not your master, to use it when and

back
looks
like
this



Making Sponge Cake

Before mixing batter for a sponge cake, it's a good idea to place the mixing bowl in the refrigerator until it is thoroughly chilled. Do not grease the baking pan for sponge cake and do not fill more than two-thirds full. As soon as the cake is baked, remove from oven and invert the pan. This prevents shrinking.

where your reason justifies it, then you will achieve the quality of keeping order without fanaticism. Anne Morne



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The giant 43,000 tons flagship of the Canadian Pacific Fleet, the Empress of Britain, moved slowly up the harbour this morning, towed by the Taikoo tug Henry Keswick.

Dwarfing the aircraft carrier Eagle and the Dutch liner Ruys, which had preceded her up the stream from the quarantine anchorage, the bows of the Empress of Britain swung towards No. 5 pier Kowloon dock at 8 a.m. to the tick.

However, it took a small army of dock coolies and officials three-quarters of an hour to moor the ocean liner. It was 8.45 a.m. before the first passengers came off.

Captain Charles H. Sapsworth, Commander of the Empress of Britain, stayed on the bridge until his charge was safely moored, then hurried below to greet local officials of the line who congratulated him on his handling of the vessel.

A small street of stalls had been erected along the No. 5 pier, with curio and camphor-wood box salesman anticipating record business. It was noticeable that prices had been considerably advanced above the usual levels.

Two hundred ricksha coolies queued up outside the dock, expecting to do business on the basis of "dollar felly, mister."

UNLUCKY WEATHER
The liner, with flags and pennants flying from stem to stern, presented a brighter scene than the weather. It was remarked by those waiting for the ship that this was the third year in succession in which the weather had been overcast for the liner's coming.

The liner is making her eighth call on her round-the-world cruise programme at Hongkong. This year there is a considerably smaller number of passengers owing to cancellations made during the September crisis by Americans, loath to leave their country on account of the international situation.

150 PASSENGERS
There are 150 passengers aboard, whereas on previous visits there have been between 300 and 400 on the liner. Mostly wealthy Americans, including six millionaires, some of the liner's passengers are occupying suites costing \$60,000 for the 4½ months cruise.

The Empress will sail on Saturday for New York, via Manila, Bali, Java, South Africa, South America and the West Indies.

CARS AWAIT PASSENGERS
A fleet of 70 cars were parked on the wharfside waiting until the passengers had finished breakfast to take them on tours round the island and New Territories.

Among the passengers aboard are: Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Cecil. Dr. Cecil is a noted American surgeon and urologist. Since 1913, he has been residing in Los Angeles where he is connected with many of the large hospitals.

Mr. Ernest Miller Whitcomb, President of the First National Bank of Amherst, Mass., is accompanied by his wife, Mr. Stephen Whitcomb and Miss Jane Whitcomb. Mr. Whitcomb commenced banking in 1903 in Boston and Chicago. He became the vice-president of the First National Bank of Amherst in 1910 and six years later became president.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Scott, of Park Lane, New York, are also travelling on the Empress of Britain. Mr. Scott is the senior vice-president of the European Gas and Electric Co., a director of the Fibre Conduits Co., and a member of the American Institution of Electrical Engineers.

Mr. Percy C. Thomas, retired manufacturer of Rome, New York, and Mrs. Thomas are aboard. From 1920-28, Mr. Thomas was president

of the Rome Manufacturing Company.

Mrs. O. O. McIntyre is another passenger on the Empress of Britain. She is the widow of Oscar Odd McIntyre, famous American author and newspaper-writer.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 7.
New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
Mar. (1939)	8.79/80	7.70/77
May (1939)	8.39/40	8.35/36
July (1939)	8.17/18	8.16/16
Oct. (1939)	7.71/72	7.68/68
Dec. (1939)	7.69/69	7.68/68
Jan. (1940)	7.71/71	8.10/10

Spot
The last Notice day for March Cotton is March 17th.

New York Rubber

	Opening	Closing
March	16.00/00	16.75/76
September	16.72/70	16.97/98
December	16.68/72a	16.97/98

To-day's Sales:—1,260 tons.
The last Notice day for March Rubber is March 29th.

Chicago Wheat

	Opening	Closing
May	08 1/4/08 1/2	08 1/4/08 1/2
July	08 1/4/08 1/2	08 1/4/08 1/2
Sept.	08 1/4/08 1/2	08 1/4/08 1/2

Monday's Sales:—3,672,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

	Opening	Closing
May	40 1/4/40	49/49
July	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 1/2/50 1/2
Sept.	51 1/4/51 1/4	unreceived

Winnipeg Wheat

	Opening	Closing
May	62/62	62 1/2/62 1/2
July	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2
October	62 1/2/62 1/2	unreceived

PACIFIC RELATIONS

Imperial Conference May Be Held Soon

Melbourne, Mar. 7.
A hint that an early Imperial Pacific Conference between Britain, Australia and New Zealand may be held, is given in an editorial in the Melbourne Herald. The paper says that conversations have already begun between Australia and New Zealand.

It is suggested that the conference could formulate defence plans and indicate the degree of financial and other responsibility which each country is willing to accept.—Reuter.

SEAFARERS' DANCE

A dance for the ship's company of the Empress of Britain will be held at the Sailors' Home and Mission to the Seamen, Gloucester Road, Wanchai, at 9 p.m. on Friday. All seafarers are cordially invited to the function, for which there will be no charge. Women will be welcome.

Music for the dancing will be supplied by Mickey's Melody Makers.

Barricades In Tientsin

Anglo-French Notes To Tokyo

LONDON, Mar. 7.
It is stated that the British and French Ambassadors in Tokyo have delivered notes to Mr. Arita, the Japanese Foreign Minister protesting against the "placidity" of live-wires around the French Concession in Tientsin.

It is understood that the American Embassy associated itself with these protests.—United Press.

TENSENESS IN HANKOW
(Continued from Page 1.)

the conception of reliance on Europe and America.

7.—The Japanese, German and Italian anti-Comintern Pact is the great pillar of the world to destroy the Communist Party.—United Press.

Hankow, Mar. 8.

Chin An-jen, a member of the Wuhan Peace Maintenance Commission, was attacked by a gang of four Chinese on Monday morning at his residence in the Third Special Administrative District in Hankow.

Chin escaped unhurt, but three followers were seriously wounded. The would-be assassins fled into the French Concession.

Japanese officials immediately started negotiations with the French Municipal Council for arrest of the culprits.—Domet.

ANOTHER MURDER IN SHANGHAI

Chungking, Mar. 8.
Another murder took place at the intersection of Yu Ya Ching and Sinza Roads in the International Settlement at eight o'clock last night. The victim was Chen Hsin-min, a lawyer.

The incident which occurred at the Yulin Road S.M.C. police station on Monday has been amicably settled after the handing over of the two alleged terrorists to the Japanese, according to the police.

The five alleged terrorists whom the Japanese arrested during a raid in Yangtsepo have not yet been released. They are learned to be workers of a cotton mill, which has petitioned the Shanghai Municipal Council to negotiate with the Japanese for their release.—Central News.

MACAO CELEBRATIONS

In Honour of Prince Henry The Navigator

Festivities in honour of Prince Henry the Navigator have been announced for Saturday, the 545th anniversary of the birth of the Portuguese Prince, who was the son of King John I. of Portugal, and Queen Philippa, daughter of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. It was Henry who inaugurated the programme that enabled Portugal to expand beyond the seas.

The festivities include the naming of a road after Prince Henry. This ceremony will be conducted by Mr. Luciano Martins, Chairman of the Municipal Council. There will be an exhibition of books relating to the work of Prince Henry, in the Lyceum and the unveiling of a bronze statue in the same building.—Our Own Correspondent.

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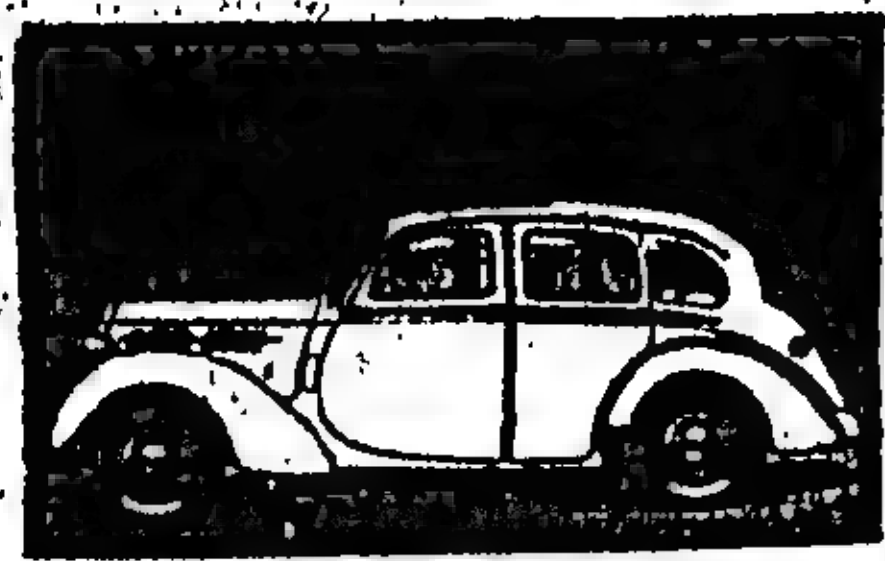
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Biggest Battle Of Year Rages In Hupeh As Invaders Effect River Crossing: Ichang Endangered By New Move

War In Hainan Expensive

JAPAN'S INVASION of Hainan Island is costing her dearly in men and money.

Since the occupation of Hainan, the Japanese advance into the interior has been slowed up considerably, and the invaders are constantly harassed by guerrillas.

On Monday alone, three hundred Japanese dead and wounded were brought into Hainan from the surrounding countryside.

Throughout the island, the peasants are flocking to join the Chinese guerrilla bands. Although most of them are well-equipped, several hundred have had to take recourse to captured Japanese arms and ammunition with which to fight.—Central News.

AIR RAID HORROR

Planes Bring Death To Three Provinces

THREE CHINESE PROVINCES suffered heavily from Japanese air raids yesterday.

Mass air raids claimed hundreds of lives in two provincial capitals.

Ninghsia, capital of Ninghsia Province, suffered its greatest death toll in the entire war when over a hundred heavy torpedo bombs, in addition to an equal number of light incendiary missiles of the type now on display at the Peninsula Hotel were rained on the city.

A preliminary estimate of the casualties indicates that at least three hundred civilians were killed in the city.

Approximately 480 buildings were wrecked.

The casualties in Ninghsia are the highest sustained in any Chinese city since the disastrous raids on Canton last year.

CONSTANT RAIDS

Sian, capital of Shensi Province, was raided by fourteen bombers, which were escorted by an equal number of pursuit planes. This important city is the focal point in China's "life-line" to Soviet Russia.

In Kansu province, the Japanese raiders created havoc in Pingliang. (Continued on Page 4.)

70 CHINESE DIVISIONS FLUNG INTO BATTLE

SHANGHAI, Mar. 7.

A JAPANESE SPOKESMAN, commenting on the present major operations of the Japanese troops in northern and central China, declared that the Japanese are now fighting some 70 Chinese divisions, or roughly 300,000 men in the first and fourth Chinese war zones, south of the Lunghai and west of the Peking-Hankow railways.

After the capture of Anlu, the Japanese forces, with their base at Hankow, are particularly active and advancing in the direction of Suhsen, thereby threatening the right flank of the Chinese forces who are said to be retreating in a north-westward direction.

Between Hanchow and Hanchow, seven Chinese divisions are attempting to check the Japanese advance in north Kiangsu.

The Japanese claim that the

TROOPS USE GAS MASKS IN INFANTRY ATTACK

JAPANESE TROOPS ARE NOW POURING ACROSS THE HAN RIVER ALONG DOZENS OF PONTOON BRIDGES WHICH THEIR ENGINEERS HAVE CAPTURED.

The fall of Chungsiang, the strategic city on the western bank of the river, has paved the way for a Japanese advance on Ichang, the Yangtse River treaty port which, a thousand miles from the sea, lies just below the famous Yangtse rapids.

48 Hour Battle

A Chinese communique now admits that Chungsiang has fallen, after two days' bitter fighting, in which the Japanese extensively employed artillery, aircraft and poison gas.

Sanyangtien, on the east bank of the Han River, is completely ablaze following the retirement of the Chinese forces and its occupation by the Japanese.

The Japanese are exerting extreme pressure at several points along the Han River, with Ichang obviously as their objective.

HEAVY CASUALTIES

Yangchiang, on the Hankow-Ichang highway, has been the scene of some of the bitterest fighting of the entire war, with neither side giving quarter. Japanese and Chinese casualties are extremely high.

The Japanese are rushing up heavy reinforcements to the Tienmen sector. Chinese headquarters reiterate that the Japanese advance has been made possible only by the employment of poison gas which, it is claimed, was released in considerable quantities during the attack on Chungsiang.

BAYONET CHARGE THROUGH GAS

Wave after wave of Japanese infantry, with the gas masks over their heads giving them a grotesque appearance, stormed the city through the clouds of poisonous fumes.

At least two thousand of the Chinese defenders of the city fell victims to the gas, it is claimed. Japanese losses were over 1,000 dead.

While the Japanese drive in Hupeh Province definitely menaces Ichang, and at the same time threatens to isolate a wide area in the Yangtse "elbow" where the river reaches its southernmost area at Tungting Lake, the Chinese forces appear to be meeting with considerable successes on other fronts.

YCHOW ISOLATED

South of the Yangtse, Yichow has been isolated by the severing of the Canton-Hankow Railway between Tungting Lake and Wuchang.

The Japanese attempt to storm the Lushan Mountains, atop of which 40 foreigners are taking refuge in an American hospital from a constant hail of bombs which threaten to completely destroy Kuling, has been brought to a complete standstill. The 10,000 guerrillas on the slopes of the mountains are still in an impregnable position.

Further north, the Chinese guerrillas have recaptured Kucheng and Hailungkuang, two important cities in western Shansi. Five hundred Japanese lost their lives when they were surrounded in Kucheng.

GARRISON MASSACRED

The complete massacre of the Japanese garrison at Siokan is reported, following the revolt of the "Peace Preservation Corps" set up by the invaders when this centre was captured last November. The Chinese were given arms instead of bullets last week, and turned their new weapons on their "advisers" last night.

The position in South China is quiet, and there has been no fighting along either of the four rivers. The Japanese in these areas have been occupied mainly with strengthening their defences.—Central News, Domei, Trans-Ocean and United Press messages.

Stock Market Very Bright

London, Mar. 7.

Better unemployment figures, together with the prospect of an early termination of the Spanish hostilities resulted in generally brighter markets on the London Stock Exchange to-day.

Gold and diamond markets were supported, while gilt-edged holdings and European securities were also better, and shipings advanced later in the day.

On the foreign exchanges, the French Finance Minister's favourable survey of the country's economic position induced bidding for francs, and while the spot rate was controlled, the rate for delivery in a month's time finished at par, compared with the 4 1/4 centimes discount yesterday.

Well Street was firm.—Reuter Special.

EIRE DAIL VOTES ON PUBLIC SAFETY ACT

DUBLIN, Mar. 7.

THE DAIL TO-DAY passed by 78 votes to 12 the second reading of the Offences Against the State Bill.

The Bill, which is based on the old Public Safety Act, is designed to deal with the Irish Republican Army.

Labour, with three Independents, constituted the minority. Forty-six members abstained from voting.

Mr. Rutledge, the Minister of Justice, said that the Government had evidence to show that a situation existed in the country, which, if not dealt with, could become serious.

People (referring to the I.R.A.) who issued proclamations were not play acting.

They had arms and war material, and were training and organising.—Reuter Special.

Relations With Moslems

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

An interpellator asked in the House of Representatives on Tuesday whether Japan's refusal to recognize Mohammedanism officially hampered development of friendly relations between Japan and Saudi Arabia.

Foreign Powers which have concluded treaties of amity with Saudi Arabia included Great Britain, the Soviet Union, Italy, Arabia, Iran, Turkey, Iraq, and Netherlands, according to the spokesman who added that the Japanese Consul at Cairo, Mr. Yokohama, would shortly be sent to Saudi Arabia to make inquiries.—Domei.

Franco holds the largest and most important city in Spain. The second and third largest, however, are still in Republican hands. Below are the principal places held by the two forces—

FRANCO	GOVERNMENT
Barcelona	1,030,504
Seville	235,762
Malaga	188,000
Saragossa	162,121
Bilbao	161,987
Madrid	1,014,704
Valencia	341,322
Murcia	173,087
Carlagena	90,081
Alicante	73,071

The figures are the peace-time populations from the last census.

Franco To Start Drive On Republican Capital

ST. JEAN DE LUZ, Mar. 7.

GENERAL FRANCO has decided to attack in the Madrid sector, according to reports from Burgos. General Franco is said to be counting on a decisive military victory.

According to these reports, the attitude of the Franco Government is very reserved regarding events in Madrid, as it is felt that the attitude of the National Defence Council is not clear.

It is pointed out that the promise by General Franco that Dr. Negrin's principal followers would not be allowed to escape, has not been put into effect.

Reports of serious Communist disorders in Madrid are also confirmed by Burgos, where it is stated that vigorous rifle and machine gun fire was heard within the city from General Franco's front at University City.

It is also stated that serious disorders occurred at Cuenca, Albacete and Guadala La Jara.

The view held in Burgos is that the Madrid Defence Council is not by any means in complete control of Republican territory.—Reuter.

LEADERS FLEE

Toulouse, Mar. 7. General Juan Modesto, commander of the army of the Ebro, was among the three famous Spanish Republican leaders who arrived by air to-day.

Others were General Hidalgo de Cisneros, chief of the air force, and General Enrico Lister, commander of the Anarchists Division.—Reuter.

"ALL END SOON"

Madrid, Mar. 7. General Mija, appealing for order during the short-lived Communist revolt here to-day, declared:

"We don't want to shed more useless blood, and all I—who fought with you—desire, is to give you peace. If common sense returns to all of us, I assure you that it will all end soon."

The revolt was centred in the working-class quarter of Cuatro Caminos, and on the site of the old Hippodrome building.

Some rifle shots were heard this morning, but by the afternoon all was quiet.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS INTERNED

Tunis, Mar. 7. Detachments of French police and naval officials boarded the Spanish republican warships which have been interned.

It is expected that the ships will be disarmed before they are allowed to enter Bizerta harbour.

It is now stated that the Republican fleet consists of 12 warships. All local doctors have been requisitioned, and strong mobile guards have been brought to Bizerta from Tunis.

Fifty naval officers and other ranks from Cartagena arrived at Oran to-day in six vessels.—Reuter.

MADRID QUIET

Madrid, Mar. 7. "Reuter's" correspondent, touring the city late this afternoon, states that the streets were patrolled by the military and that all was quiet within the city.

Communists who had been barricaded in two buildings surrendered.—Reuter.

ARMISTICE PARLEYS

Paris, Mar. 7. The belief that negotiations for an armistice in Spain have already begun, is expressed in well-informed French circles.

The Defence Junta in Madrid is reported to have in mind an armistice leading to a complete settlement within a fortnight or three weeks.

At the same time, the Junta is asking for assurances for the safety of persons "implicated", particularly an opportunity for them to leave Spain.—Reuter.

RADIO SILENCED

Burgos, Mar. 7. Discard in Madrid is increasing according to the latest information available. The radio became suddenly silent after having unceasingly broadcast anti-Communist appeals throughout the morning, which were (Continued on Page 4.)

REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY MEETING

Shareholder Questions Lido Investments

A STRONG DEMAND that interest on bank overdrafts paying for the construction of the Lido and the general ventures of the Company at Repulse Bay should be taken out of profits of those concerns rather than from the general income from investments, was made by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Ltd., in Exchange Building this morning.

Mr. Croucher said a subsidiary company should be formed of this venture but the Chairman said his personal opinion was that the time for such a course was not yet.

There were present: Messrs. J. Fleming (Chairman), E. M. Raymond, E. K. Kwok, Honi Sir Shoush Chow, T. E. Pearce and J. H. Taggart (Directors), N. V. A. Croucher, J. Kotwall, L. Jack, A. Ede, W. C. Clark and H. Suckling.

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AMERICA AND THE DICTATOR POWERS

Roosevelt Opposes Neutrality Act

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.

OPPOSITION TO the Neutrality Act was voiced by President Roosevelt for the first time to-day.

At the weekly Press Conference at the White House, the President told newspapermen that he was of the opinion that the Act had not served the cause of peace.

On the contrary, said the President, it may have encouraged some nations to make threats of war.

The President opposed the Ludlow amendment to the Neutrality Act, which seeks to make it necessary for a referendum of the people to be held before the United States could make a declaration of war. A representative form of Government, declared the President, should apply to a war situation as well as to any other line of action.

"QUASI" WARS

"A situation is quite possible, in which the defenses or vital interests of the United States could be wrecked by a 'quasi war', declared Mr. Roosevelt.

The President would not say whether he favoured the repeal of the Neutrality Act.

The question is not on the "carpet to-day," he said.

Growing opinion in favour of the President's alignment with democracy. (Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

"Skies Cleared"

OTTAWA, Mar. 8.—In House of Commons speech Premier revealed news he received from Europe as serious as he called in Conservative opposition leader Manion order acquittal him with matters he (Premier) unable lay before Parliament. This was six weeks ago. "Since then I have received other despatches, perhaps a little less serious, but nevertheless of character to cause Government to view with grave concern matters and happenings in other parts of world. "I am happy to say, more particularly in last day or two, skies seem to have cleared very considerably."—Reuter Special.

Czechs Lose Gold

LONDON, Mar. 8.—Unofficially reported by "Times" Prague correspondent that Czech Govt. has had to accept German demand for delivery to Czech Bank amount of gold from Czech Bank proportionate to number of inhabitants in territory ceded to Germany—about 25% of total. Bank been ordered by Czech Govt. to make first delivery £2,500,000 to Berlin. Hungary, Poland may follow Germany's example, demand share of Czech gold.—Reuter.

Japanese Capture Fowning

Hsuehchow, Mar. 8. Japanese vanguards captured a section of the castle of Fowning, strategically important town about 45 miles east of Hsuehchow in eastern Kiangsu, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon. Units of Japanese troops are rapidly converging on the town from various directions.—Domei.

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Further Late News

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JAPAN'S LATEST PROPOSALS

IF THE HONGKONG Government will co-operate in an ambitious five-year plan which is to be launched by Japan, this Colony will be placed in radio-telephonic communication with 97 per cent. of the world's telephone subscribers; be able to receive telephotographs of events from fifteen different countries.

The new Japanese plan was introduced in the Tokyo Diet yesterday.

It provides for the expenditure of 22,000,000 yen on international communications.

In addition to the 26 existing radio-telegraphic circuits, Japan will construct new circuits for direct communication with New York, San Francisco, Canada, Peru, Columbia, Great Britain, Germany, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Shanghai, Inner Mongolia, India, Hongkong, Nanking, Tientsin, Canton, Australia, South Africa, Egypt, Dutch East Indies, Singapore and Iran.

Fourteen new radio-telephonic circuits will be added to the 13 now in existence. These will provide direct telephony to Canada, Brazil, France, India, Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, Australia, Syria, South Africa, Egypt, Dutch East Indies and Singapore.

Ten additional telephoto circuits will be provided, allowing the transmission and reception of telephotos from various cities in China and Europe.

Six new powerful broadcasting stations are to be constructed. Five of these stations will be so powerful (fifty kilowatts) that they will be capable of jamming any station in the Far East. The power of ZBW is less than five kilowatts. Japan is to commence 20-hours-a-day broadcasts in foreign languages.

Manchukuo Protests

166 Border Disputes During 1938

TOKYO, Mar. 7. THE MANCHUKUOAN Government has protested to the Soviet Union over 158 border disputes last year, according to an official statement issued in Hsinking.

Altogether there were 160 disputes during the year, and Russia replied to only 51 of the protests.

No case has been settled, but two have been partially settled.

The disputes are stated to have arisen over cases of illegal crossing of the frontier, shooting, kidnapping, interference with river traffic, illegal land surveys, and the destruction of border posts.

The latest incident reported to-day is from Harbin, where ten Soviet cavalrymen are alleged to have crossed the border north of Suifeng. Before they were repelled, one cavalryman was wounded.—Reuter.

Hit-and-Run Driver Kills Little Boy

A SIX-YEAR-OLD Chinese boy was killed instantly by a hit-and-run driver at 7.30 last night in Queen's Road West, opposite the 'Wanchang Restaurant' when a car ran over the child's body.

The boy was crossing the road at the time, and the driver speeded his car away immediately after the fatal accident.

Big Shanghai Property Deal

Broadway Mansions Change Hands

ONE OF the biggest property sales in recent times has been consummated in Shanghai, according to a "Central News" message.

The property involved is the famous Broadway Mansions, the American-owned skyscraper which is a feature of Shanghai's modern skyline.

The sale price is reported to be \$5,000,000. According to the "Central News" message, the purchasers are members of a Japanese syndicate.

Broadway Mansions is the highest building on the Asian mainland. It consists of some 24 floors and overlooks Soochow at the Garden Road bridge.

Since the Shanghai hostilities the building has been situated within the Japanese sphere of defence.

Mr. Stanley On Visit To Germany

Mission Explained

LONDON, Mar. 7. THE VISITS shortly to be paid by the President of the Board of Trade and the Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade to Berlin and by Mr. Hudson to other northern capitals, were mentioned at House of Commons question-time, when Mr. Oliver Stanley emphasised the general and exploratory character of the conversations they would have abroad.

Of his own visit he said: "I am going to Berlin in response to an invitation which I have been glad to accept to attend a dinner being given by the Reichsgruppe Industrie in connection with the discussions with the Federation of British Industries regarding competition between the individual industries of the two countries."

"I hope to have the opportunity to make contacts and survey the general problems of Anglo-German trade relations with those prominent in German economic life."

Answering a supplementary question, he confirmed that his visit would be concerned only with trade, and that questions of a political nature would be excluded.

The President, in another answer, denied knowledge of the suggestion that any proposals about Germany's short-term indebtedness would be discussed during his visit.

He assured another questioner that the Dominion governments would be kept in touch with any developments from these informal and exploratory discussions which seemed likely to be of interest to them.—British Wireless.

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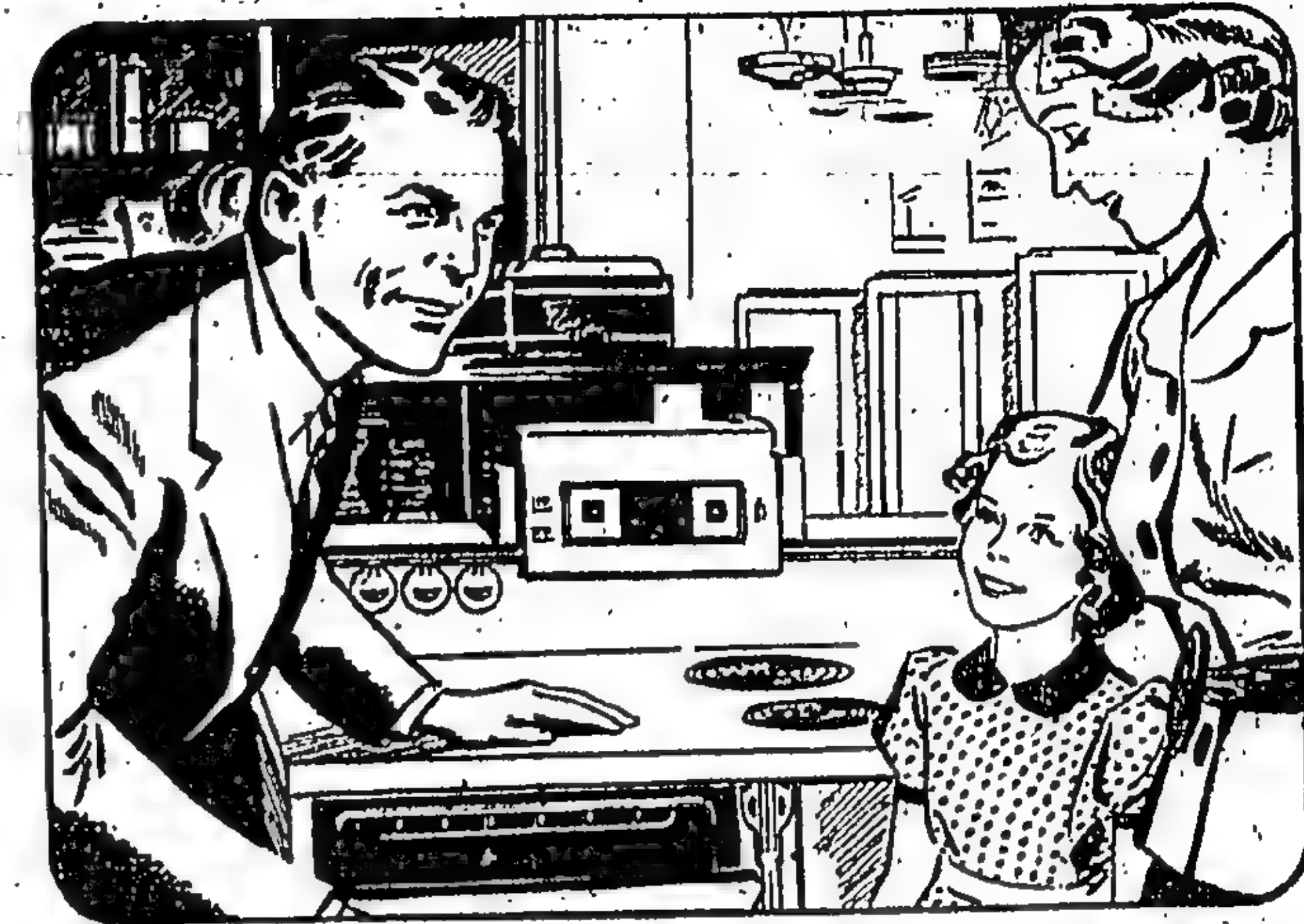
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Dutch Ship Attacked By Planes

LONDON, Mar. 7. THE DUTCH STEAMER Aurora to-day wirelessed that she was being attacked by planes of an unknown nationality.

Her position is given as 37.6 N. and 3.7 W.

The British destroyer, Ivanhoe, had been ordered to investigate, but before it reached the spot, found that the Nationalist warship Jupiter had taken over control of the Aurora.

It was later learned that the Aurora was allowed to continue her voyage to Genoa.

The owners of the Aurora received a radio from the captain stating that the ship was attacked by six bombing planes.

The upper and lower bridge deck was damaged by bomb splinters, but there were no casualties.

The message indicated that the aeroplanes belonged to Spanish Republican forces.—Reuter.

SEAFARERS' DANCE

A dance for the ship's company of the Empress of Britain will be held at the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen, Gloucester Road, Wanchai, at 9 p.m. on Friday. All seafarers are cordially invited to the function, for which there will be no charge. Women will be welcome.

Music for the dancing will be supplied by Mickey's Melody Makers.



The position of Guam Island in relation to the Japanese mandated islands is shown above.

Guam Seen As "Listening Post" For United States' Navy In Pacific

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of a sea base at Guam as a "listening post" for the Navy was advocated by Rear-Admiral Arthur Cook, when he testified before the Senate Naval Commission to-day.

Admiral Cook denied that the proposed improvements at Guam were linked with a plan to fortify the island.

He declared that the Navy needed a base there from which to obtain advance information of any movements of a possible enemy.—Reuter.

RIOTERS KILLED, INJURED

POLICE HAVE HAD to fire on rioters again in Cawnpore, as the result of new disturbances.

At Cawnpore, following a clash between Hindus and Moslems, one was killed and four injured, says "Reuter."

Two policemen were among the injured. The police fired three rounds above the heads of the rioters.



Pope Begins Audiences

Vatican City, Mar. 7. Pope Pius XII began giving private audiences in the newly furnished Papal private library to-day, where he received in turn, Cardinal Maglione, Prefect of the Congregation of the Council, and Cardinal La Piana, Prefect of the Congregation of Orders.

Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, and Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago were also received.—Trans-Ocean.

Goering To Pay Visit To Rome

Rome, Mar. 7. Field-Marshal Hermann Goering is to pay an official visit to Italy. The visit to Rome will last two or three days, and will take place at the end of March, after which Field Marshal Goering will go to Sicily and then to Lybia, in order to return the visit to Berlin paid by Marshal Italo Balbo.

Altogether, Field Marshal Goering will spend six weeks in Italy.—Trans-Ocean.

The question of whether to fortify Guam Island, in the Ladrone group, east of Philippines, and 1,300 miles south of Tokyo, is the only feature of the United States defence programme that has stirred up controversy.

From remarks made by President Roosevelt at a recent Press conference it was inferred that he wished a general sum to be provided for improvement of naval bases without specifying how the money should be spent. But the relevant bill enumerates various sums, including £1,000,000 with which to begin the work of strengthening Guam.

The Hepburn board recommended 4 new or improved naval bases. Twelve have been selected and these were approved last week. They are: Mancoche Bay, Hawaii; Midway Island; Wake Island; Johnston Island; Palmyra Island; Kodiak, Alaska; Sitka, Alaska; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Pearl Harbour, Hawaii; Pensacola, Florida, and Jackson, Florida.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, one of those most strongly opposed to the fortification of Guam as "provocative to Japan," has declared that the President is in general agreement with his views. Other Congressmen insist that Mr. Roosevelt approves the Guam fortification project.

KEY POSITION. Guam is by far the most important of the proposed bases. This island, which the United States took over from Spain in 1898, is 1,360 miles from Yokohama, Japan, and 1,500 miles from Manila, capital of the Philippine Islands.

It is, therefore, a key position of the first order. American strategists are in agreement that unless Guam is made into a well equipped fleet base the defence of the Philippines would be impossible.

Since 1930 the American naval authorities have been quietly building a so-called strategic bridge across the Pacific by establishing air and naval bases on Pacific islands such as Midway, Wake, and Samoa. Of this bridge Guam would be the last buttress before the terminal at Manila was reached.

Should the United States Government decide to carry out the Navy Department's scheme as regards Guam, it is difficult to see why Japan should take offence, since she herself is heavily fortifying her outlying Pacific islands, including Formosa and the Bonins, which con-

stitute a potential menace to the Philippines, not to mention Anglo-American trade routes in the Far East.

U.S. DEFENCE BILL GOES THROUGH

Washington, Mar. 7. The Senate overwhelmingly approved the Administration's £22,000,000 army expansion Bill to-day. The measure, which will carry out the major portion of President Roosevelt's £110,000,000 defence programme, now goes to the joint session of the Senate and House for adjustment of differences.

Among other things, it will attempt to reconcile the Senate's authorization made yesterday of 6,000 planes for the army air corps, compared with the 5,500 planes authorized by the House.

The Senate accepted the proposal to limit aviation expenditures to £20,000,000 of the army expansion Bill total, and also agreed to place a 10 per cent. limit on the profits of aeroplane manufacturers and others likely to benefit from contracts under the Bill.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

CONQUEROR OF "PI"

Famed Mathematician Dies In Germany

PROFESSOR FERDINAND VON LINDEMANN, the "vanquisher of pi" is dead.

He was one of the world's greatest mathematicians—the first to offer mathematical proof that the age-old problem of squaring a circle was not a problem at all, it just couldn't be done.

He opened the great dispute that raged on the quadrature of a circle in 1882 and so brilliantly adduced that the squaring of a circle was an impossibility that he gained the famous Steiner prize of the Berlin Academy of Science.

The "quadrature of a circle" was a problem that puzzled mathematicians back to the days of early Egyptian civilisation. Archimedes spent much of his life in attempting a solution as did, more recently, Huygens and Lambert.

The famous mathematician died suddenly at Munich, "Trans-Ocean" reports.

He was born in Hanover in April, 1852, and studied at Göttingen, Erlangen, Munich, London and Paris.

SOLICITORS' APPEAL

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Armstrong had been there at what the Magistrate called, "appropriate hours."

Mr. Prentis submitted that in order to carry out the provisions of the Ordinance, they must frequent the places or sent a representative to investigate how the premises were being convicted.

The Chief Justice commented that if these steps were carried out it would constitute an invasion of privacy, no matter how notorious the neighbourhood might be, for it would entail visiting houses, many of which might be respectable. It would also involve the innocent with the gully, and a hard-working man and his wife might be liable to furtive and nocturnal visits by any one who lent himself out as the agent or owner.

Mr. Prentis replied that the owner must prove he had checked up that his tenant was an honest man, and was reminded by the Chief Justice of the position which would arise if the premises had been sub-let, as pointed out by Mr. Sheldon.

Mr. Prentis contended that no sub-tenancy had been proved and that, though the summons had been wrongly worded, there had been no miscarriage of justice.

Allowing the appeal, the Chief Justice said that in view of the interesting nature of the issues raised and the fact that other proceedings had been contemplated, he would give his reasons on all points in writing.

He ordered that the fines be refunded, and said that the question of costs would be considered.

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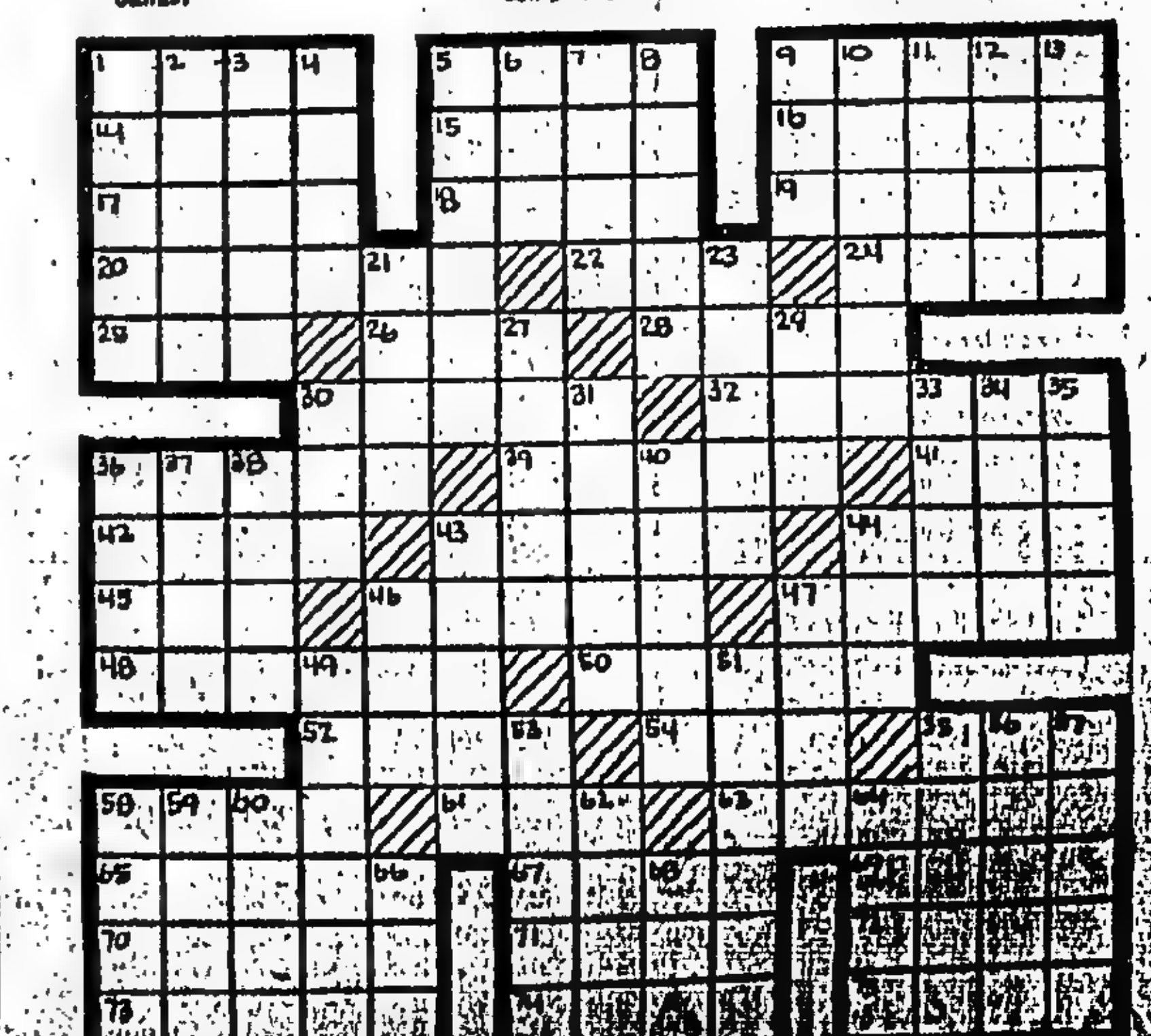
- 0464—Colorado Sunset. (Film.) Waltz. Garden in Granada. F.T.
- 0472—My Own. ("That Certain Age") F.T. You're As Pretty As A Picture. F.T.
- 0465—Umbrella Man. ("These Foolish Things") Waltz. Where The Shannon Flows Down To The Sea. Waltz. BILLY COTTON & HIS ORCH.
- 0463—Two Sleepy People. ("Thanks For The Memory") F.T. Sha-Sha. Q.S.
- 0476—Ain't She Sweet. F.T. Somebody Stole My Gal. F.T. BRIAN LAWRENCE & HIS ORCH.
- 0430—Tu-Li-Tulip Time. Waltz. Is That The Way To Treat A Sweetheart. F.T. ROY SMOCK & HIS HAWAIIAN SERENADERS.
- 0475—Heart and Soul. ("Song Is Born") F.T. Blue Skies Are Round The Corner. F.T.
- 0471—Is That The Way To Treat A Sweetheart. F.T. Why Doesn't Somebody Tell Me These Things. F.T. JAY WILBUR & HIS ORCH.
- 0473—Day Dreaming. ("Gay Impostors") F.T. I Wanna Go Back To Ball. ("Gay Impostors") F.T.
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- 1—Gloved old ad
- 2—Form in Africa
- 3—Giant with hundred eyes
- 4—Miscellaneous collection
- 5—Wreath
- 6—Jazz composition of under 16 bars
- 7—Nimbus
- 8—Circumlocution, pendant
- 9—Glimmering sensation
- 10—On numerous occasions
- 11—Orphan
- 12—Abstract conception of being
- 13—View
- 14—Shore of miles of ice
- 15—Sudden attack
- 16—Personality to death
- 17—Civ's name
- 18—Maid's name (rebus)
- 19—Girl's name
- 20—Head under by force
- 21—Camp out
- 22—Dinner
- 23—Expressions used at wedding
- 24—Former coin of Venice
- 25—Fortified unit in land to medi
- 26—Whimsical instrument
- 27—Yours—the fruit
- 28—Share, one of
- 29—Sleep as far
- 30—Pride's two
- 31—Ram down as bull
- 32—Reciprocal of odds
- 33—Musical drama
- 34—Carried away with with emotion
- 35—Open space
- 36—Small mammal, introduced to monkeys
- 37—Member of Indian tribe
- 38—Civil errors
- 39—Twisted
- 40—Rudiment with sons
- 41—Before, in time
- 42—Down
- 43—Spanish word, name of cards
- 44—Quicker, fluid compound
- 45—Cardinal virtue
- 46—Quintessence
- 47—Authoritative request
- 48—Jubilee
- 49—Impetuous green
- 50—One who places
- 51—Vine-like plant
- 52—One who runs
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Bombers Bring Wave Of Death

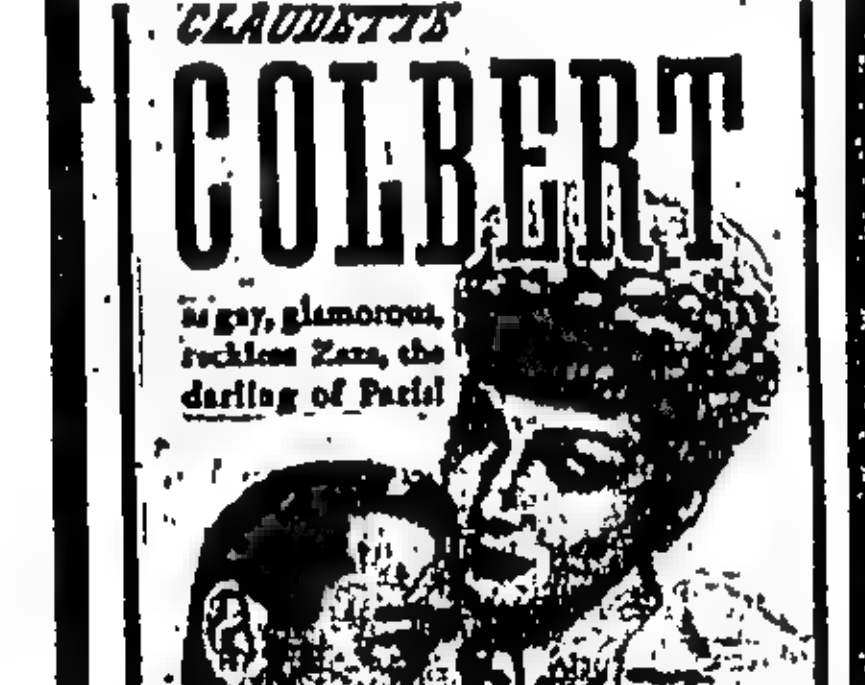
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Wuwel and Yungchang, three cities along the route from the Kansu capital to Urumqi, in Chinese Turkistan.

Bombers appeared over these three cities in an almost constant procession of squadrons, each squadron raining death and devastation on its objectives. In the first raid, fifteen machines participated, dropping about ninety heavy bombs. An hour later, thirty machines emptied their bomb racks on Wuwei and Yungchang. They were followed shortly after midday by a third squadron of twelve planes, which had no sooner departed than the sirens shrieked to announce the approach of a fourth squadron of twelve planes.

The Japanese reports of the raids claim that no Chinese planes appeared to oppose the bombers. Now, they state, were Chinese anti-aircraft guns in evidence.—Central News, Dohci and United Press messages.

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Lady Northcote has kindly consented to distribute the prizes on Thursday, the 9th March at 5.30 p.m.

Prizewinners are requested to attend in person to receive their prizes.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 25th February to 9th March, 1939, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fiftieth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 9th day of March, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 9th MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. C. T. BECK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1939.

U.S. And The Dictators

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cles against the totalitarian states has been shown in several ways in recent weeks.

STIMSON'S WARNING

Mr. Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of State, today came out openly in favour of the President's policy.

In a letter to the "New York Times" he urged naval co-operation with Great Britain and France in the event of either of these democracies being attacked by Italy, Germany or Japan.

Referring in his letter to the "successive attacks on Ethiopia, Spain and China," Mr. Stimson warned that the United States must consider the possibility of an attack being launched on Britain or France "almost at any moment."

"It is not inconceivable that a threatened or devastated France, Britain or Holland might be forced to cede to a Fascist nation some possessions in the Western Hemisphere or the Orient."

"They may, too, be forced to make commitments even more dangerous to our safety."

UNITED DICTATORS

"It is quite possible" that the Totalitarian States might unite in an effort to tie up the British and French fleets in the Mediterranean or European waters, leaving the Pacific exposed to Japan.

"Defence against such joint action can only be securely accomplished by common action by the naval powers of the three large democracies—Great Britain, France and the United States."

Back in Washington, Admiral William Leahy warned America that it would be necessary for United States to still further increase its naval strength if "a foreign Power increases its strength materially."

The American naval Chief of Staff was referring to the Tokyo announcement that Japan intended to match her sea power with the United States and Great Britain within the next six years.

Admiral Leahy disclosed some of the results of the recent United States naval manoeuvres in the Caribbean Sea.

He said that some of the destroyers and submarines of the attacking force penetrated as far as San Juan and Puerto Rico, and points northeast of Haiti, but not a single "invading" transport got within range of American territory.

According to a Dow-Jones report, Admiral Leahy said that he believed the United States Navy should always be prepared to defend any national policy, and if the national policy included the defence of trade, the Navy should be prepared for that.

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STOCKS: The London stock averages are now above the high levels reached in September of last year, following the Munich Conference and suggest that bear markets in that city have ended.

Montgomery Ward Company's February sales were up 14.7 per cent. February sales of leading National merchandising companies were the best since September, 1937.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, opposes putting gold into circulation.

Senator Tydings proposes rewording of the Aircraft Profit Limitation Amendment to allow for experimental costs.

EARNINGS: Stock Period 1938
Douglas Aircraft Yr. 31/12 \$3.76
Corn Products Yr. 31/12 \$3.76
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COTTON: The Chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee opposes any release of Loan cotton at any price, pending legislation. American yarn prices have advanced in Lancashire and there is an improvement in the business booked.

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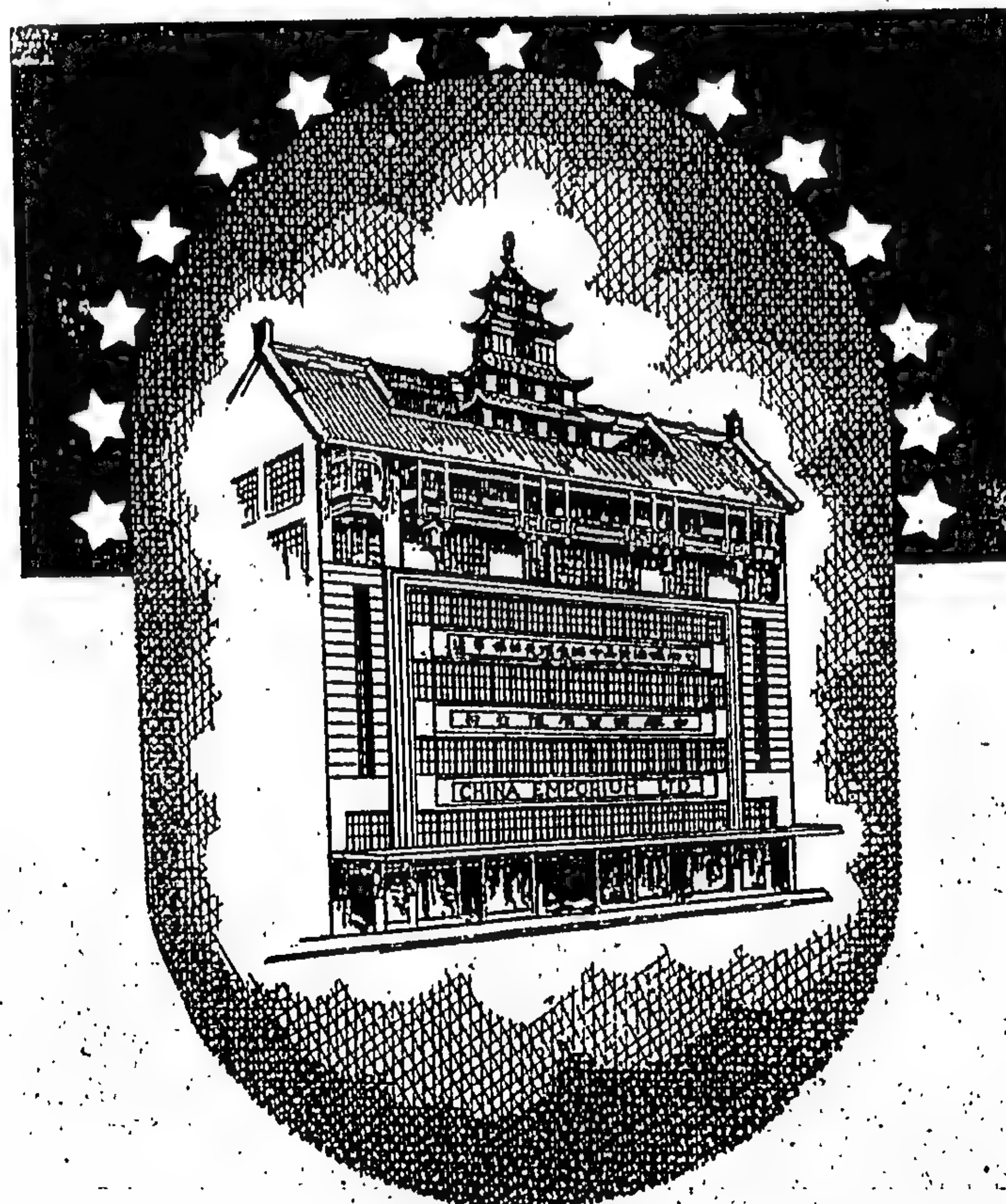
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ASSASSINATION REPRISAL FEARS

HANKOW, Mar. 7.

A TENSE ATMOSPHERE was evident this morning among the Chinese population in the Concession areas, as knots of Chinese formed into groups uneasily along the streets.

Perpetrators of the attempted assassination of Chin Lung-chang are still at large, despite an exhaustive combing of the French Concession yesterday.

Parades of newspaper boys with placards were conspicuously absent to-day. The parades have been a recent feature of a "week of movement for the construction of an Oriental New Order" launched by the W.P.M.A.

Terroristic activity yesterday apparently coincided with the projected celebrations this week, which, according to the newspaper "Wuhan Pao", included the distribution of placards, the posting of slogans, and the conducting of lectures.

The principal slogans are listed as follows:

- 1.—"First steps in the Communist movement are to cut dykes, scorch the earth, and conduct guerrilla warfare."
- 2.—"The Communist Party is the demon which destroys peace in the Orient."
- 3.—"To exterminate the Communists and to overthrow Chiang Kai-shek are the basis of unifying the family and governing the country."
- 4.—"A Federal organisation is the object of New China."
- 5.—"The development of Manchukuo is the model for the establishment of a new China."
- 6.—"The creation of a new culture in the Orient, and a breakaway from the conception of reliance on Europe and America."
- 7.—"The Japanese, German and Italian anti-Comintern Pact is the great pillar of the world to destroy the Communist Party."—United Press, Hankow, Mar. 8.

Chin An-jen, a member of the Wuhan Peace Maintenance Commission, was attacked by a gang of four Chinese on Monday morning at his residence in the Third Special Administrative District in Hankow.

Chin escaped unhurt, but three followers were seriously wounded. The would-be assassins fled into the French Concession.

Japanese officials immediately started negotiations with the French Municipal Council for arrest of the culprits.—Dohci.

ANOTHER MURDER IN SHANGHAI
Chungking, Mar. 8.
Another murder took place at the intersection of Yu Ya Ching and Sinza Roads in the International Settlement at eight o'clock last night. The victim was Chen Hsin-min, a lawyer.

The incident which occurred at the Yulin Road S.M.C. police station on Monday has been amicably settled after the handing over of the two alleged terrorists to the Japanese.

The five alleged terrorists whom the Japanese arrested during a raid

on the outskirts of Madrid, distinctly heard by Nationalist troops forced their way into the transmitting room, as a confused noise, mingled with shots and screams were heard through the loudspeakers.

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NEGRIN'S NARROW ESCAPE
Toulouse, Mar. 7.
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The confusion was due to the fact that the plans had been kept so secret that only high officials knew what was happening, although two planes were allowed to take off yesterday and two to-day. But a fifth was detained at Albacete, and a passenger arrested.—Reuter, Special.

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REPORT ADOPTED
The report was then adopted. On the proposition of Mr. Jack seconded by Mr. Kolwall, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and Mr. T. A. Pearce were re-elected to the Board. Messrs. Linstead & Davis were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. A. Eca seconded by Mr. W. C. Clark.

JAPANESE BLOCKADE EVADED
Chinese Specie Landed in Manila

MANILA, Mar. 8.
SUCCESSFULLY running the Japanese blockade, a small French coastal steamer arrived from Indo-China to-day carrying 400 tons of allegedly Chinese silver and gold, earmarked for America.

The shippers are reported to be the Bank of Indo-China, and the consignment is being transferred to the President Cleveland, which is sailing for Hongkong to-morrow en route to San Francisco.

Local shippers, recalling the recent holding-up of the President Coolidge in Shanghai by the Japanese authorities until the ship had disgorged a similar cargo, are speculating whether an attempt might be made to prevent the consignment from reaching its destination.

The consignment is reported to be valued at several million pesos. It comprises 4,831 cases, including 2,251 cases of small money in silver, and 58 special cases of silver and gold. The French coastal steamer Leons which brought the cargo, arrived from Saigon via Haiphong.—Reuter.

FAR EAST AIR CHIEF
Singapore, Mar. 7.
Air Marshal Babington, Air Chief in the Far East, is leaving Singapore by air on a three-day visit to Sarawak where he will be entertained by the Rajah.—Reuter, Bulletin.

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Japan Provides For Possibility Of War With Soviet Russia

TOKYO, Mar. 7.

THE JAPANESE War Minister, General Seishiro Itagaki, told the budget committee of the Diet's Lower House to-day that Japan has provided against a possible clash with Soviet Russia, in addition to the successful prosecution of hostilities in China.

The national defence policy, he declared, aimed not only at "dealing a crushing blow to the Chiang regime," but also at maintaining peace and order in the occupied areas, and of securing adequate protection against "the menace of the Soviet Union."

Japanese troops would have to be maintained in China for a long period, the Minister admitted.

The China conflict, combined with the Soviet's vigorous arms expansion, had compelled Japan to formulate a second Five-Year Re-armament Programme, in addition to the original seven-year scheme started in 1939.—United Press.

Barricades In Tientsin Anglo-French Notes To Tokyo

LONDON, Mar. 7.

It is stated that the British and French Ambassadors in Tokyo have delivered notes to Mr. Arita, the Japanese Foreign Minister protesting against the placing of live-wires around the French Concession in Tientsin.

It is understood that the American Embassy associated itself with these protests.—United Press.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan, which left Shanghai at 9.30 a.m. to-day, is due at Hongkong on Friday at 9.00 a.m.

FISHERY ISSUE

TOKYO, Mar. 8.

WITH THE auction for fishing lots scheduled to take place at Vladivostok on March 15 in disregard of Japanese protests, important measures concerning the Soviet-Japanese fishery dispute were understood to have been discussed when six leading members of the Cabinet met in an emergency conference at the Premier's official residence last night.

It is understood that, following last night's conference, fresh instructions will be dispatched to the Japanese Ambassador at Moscow, Mr. Shigenori Togo, directing the envoy to continue negotiations with the Soviet Government.

The conference held at the Premier's official residence last night was attended by Premier Hiranuma, Foreign Minister Arita, War Minister Itagaki, Navy Minister Yonai, Finance Minister Ishiwata, and Agriculture and Forestry Minister Sakurazuchi.

Problems relating to the China situation were also understood to have been discussed. Beginning at 7.30 p.m., the conference continued until late in the night.—Domei.



CLARK GABLE

Film Star Divorced By Wife

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 8.

THE PATH of Hollywood's favourite romance has been smoothed by the film colony's latest divorce. In the Supreme Court this morning, Mrs. Clark Gable No. 2 was granted a divorce from the famous film star, freeing Clark to marry Carole Lombard, who is the ex-Mrs. William Powell.

Mrs. Gable, eleven years Clark's senior, gained a \$200,000 property settlement with the divorce. She said that Clark was "hard to live with."

Mrs. Gable's latest ex-husband was wife No. 2. She was on the stage before she married. Maiden name—Rhea Langham. Mrs. Clark Gable No. 1 was Josephine Dillon, dramatic coach. Their marriage ended in divorce just about the time that Clark Gable rose to film stardom.

GOSSIP CHOOSES SUCCESSOR

Gossip has already chosen Carole Lombard as Mrs. Clark Gable No. 3. She is the ex-Mrs. William Powell. They were married in 1931, divorced in 1933, when she charged "cruelty."

Constant companions during the past two years, Carole's romance with Clark has been a grey affair. She sends him such Valentines as "I am with his picture on it. Recently she bought a race-horse and called it 'Mr. G.'"

Carole Lombard's real name is Jane Peters. She was born at Fort Wayne in October, 1909.

The first hint of the romantic friendship arose during the making of "My Man Godfrey," in which Carole had the ironic experience of playing opposite her ex-husband. Even when work was done Clark Gable would call at the studio and drive off with Carole. Since then they have seldom been parted. Not long ago they appeared together in the film "No Man of Her Own."—United Press and Special.

Jews Cannot Be Christians!

Latest Edict From Germany

BERLIN, Mar. 7.

THE EVANGELICAL CHURCHES in Saxony, Mecklenburg, and Anhalt, like the evangelical church at Thuringia, have promulgated church laws prescribing that Jews may no longer become church members.

Neither may Jews in future hold church offices. Church taxes will not be collected from Jews who had become church members before promulgation of this law.—Trans-Ocean.

EXODUS OF JEWS

London, Mar. 7.

Satisfactory progress in the negotiations for Jews to leave Germany are being made between the Inter-Governmental Committee and the German Government, "Reuter" learns.

Mr. Robert Pell, assistant Director of the Committee is preparing a further memorandum to take to Berlin.

It is understood that Mr. George Rublee's letter containing the intentions of the Ewan conference which Mr. Pell took to Berlin last week-end, was in general terms, and further details are requested.

Meanwhile, two other aspects of the refugee problem will need to mature about the same time, namely, the financing arrangements and the territory for ultimate settlement. The financial arrangements will be in the hands of an international corporation, working with the Inter-Governmental Committee, and a trust which Field-Marshal Hermann Goering will establish in Germany. Some progress is being made with plans for the eventual co-operation of these two. The corporation is a private concern, headed by Jews, chiefly in London and New York.—Reuter.

SASSOON ON JAPAN

Bayonets Not Enough To Subdue China

SHANGHAI, Mar. 7.

SIR VICTOR SASSOON, head of the vast Sassoon interests in China, returned to Shanghai aboard the Empress of Japan to-day, completing a round-the-world tour.

In an interview, he declared: "Although I can see an independent Chinese Government working in co-operation with Japan for the development of Asia, I cannot see a vassal China. The Chinese have never been a servile people."

Commenting on the new governments in the Japanese-occupied areas, Sir Victor Sassoon said: "You cannot choose a government with the help of bayonets." He declared that there was no possibility of British financial aid to Japan, observing: "You cannot expect us to present the Japanese with the boots with which they have been threatening to kick all foreigners from China."

Sir Victor indicated that he believed Japan was in a greater danger of "going Communist" than China. The commercial magnate plans a fortnight's visit to Hongkong soon.—United Press.

Unemployment In United States

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.

AMERICA'S unemployed during January increased by nearly 750,000 compared with December, says the National Industrial Conference Board. The total of 10,045,000 showed a decrease of 250,000 compared with January, 1938.—Reuter Special.

NEW RUMANIAN PREMIER

Paris, Mar. 7.

Unfeigned satisfaction prevails in political circles here at the appointment of M. Calinescu to succeed Patriarch Miron Cristea as the Rumanian Premier. M. Calinescu's energetic action against the Iron Guard has met with general approval here, and it is also stressed that the new Premier is a sincere friend of France.—Trans-Ocean.

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Science and Food

Twentieth century man has lost some of the optimism with which his recent ancestors were wont to welcome the progress of science. In its practical applications science appears all too frequently to be providing a new lethal weapon, a new noise or a new labour-saving device which throws out of work some fresh category of working men. The latest of the always diversified reports of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research provides an admirable antidote to such pessimism, for a considerable section of the report is devoted to the subject of human food and to the methods discovered for keeping it both palatable and wholesome. Twenty years ago Britain was faced with a serious shortage of food, owing to political conditions which, it is common knowledge, may recur. During the emergency a Food Investigation Board was established, and it is under the auspices of this organisation, which has survived and grown during the years of peace, that some of the most important problems of food storage have been solved.

Apart from preventing attacks by insects upon stored grain—a form of wastage which costs Britain at least \$500,000 a year and still requires remedy—the report mentions three specific problems; the storage of apples and pears, the chilling of beef, and the keeping fresh of fish. Ten years ago the "gas-storage" of fruit was still in the experimental stage; 20 years ago the term was wholly unknown. Today there are 3,000,000 cubic feet of storage provided to keep apples and pears fresh by this method. Less than six years ago the first consignment of chilled beef left New Zealand for London; in 1937 the two southern Dominions sent 750,000 hundredweight of beef carried in special chambers enriched with carbon-dioxide, and the process has allowed meat to arrive in far better, and certainly in far more palatable, condition than former methods of crude refrigeration allowed. Fish, again, which in present conditions can be kept really fresh only 10 to 12 days, has been experimentally preserved for as much as two years by new processes of "brine-freezing"—a point of which our sorely stricken fishing industry will, it is to be hoped, avail itself. With fish, with fruit, and to a lesser degree with butcher's meat, the problem of preserving food is not simply one of keeping it "good" during transport, but of using a seasonal product all the year round. In the past the scientific storage of food has chiefly helped the importer, but there is no reason why it should not help the home producer as well, as has the cognate development of canning. The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, a Government Department, has led the way, but it is for industry itself, as the report points out, to avail itself of the advances.

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"What goes on aboard?" is a question asked everywhere, so for the benefit of those who have never had the great experience I will try to give a brief outline.

Let's leave New York at eleven a.m. on January 7. The siren is shrieking. Those who have come to see the lucky ones away and bid them "Bon Voyage" pour down the gangway to the shouts of "All Visitors ashore, please."

Streamers thrown from the high decks fall on the crowds waving on the dock as the ship slowly pulls away from the Pier to which she will return on May 14 after cruising 30,000 miles and visiting 29 ports.

WE STAY on deck to wave farewell to the Statue of Liberty and then go to our apartments to unpack, secretly admiring those dainty evening dresses and snappy sports clothes chosen so carefully.

Then out on the Promenade Deck to look our fellow passengers over, making mental notes of those we should like to meet. At seven the dressing chimes sound and we hurry to our stateroom wondering just what to wear—if everyone will be dressed for dinner—and decide to dress anyway.

To the smart Cocktail Bar, where a cheery group is gathered and gratefully accept an invitation to join them. (We DO feel a bit lost at the moment).

Then dinner in the great Dining Saloon. We look the menu over. What a choice of food! Let's see . . . Some consommé perhaps—and a tiny piece of sole—so big. Now what? The attentive steward suggests chicken Maryland. Perfect! Ummm! some fresh green peas, and yes, a little cauliflower. No—no potatoes (Don't want to get fat!) then . . . Peach Melba. No—not even a savoury to-night. That's plenty. The dishes follow one another in quick succession as we chatter to table companions. All the food is delicious and we consume far too much for the good of our figure. The man on my right suggests coffee and liqueur in the Cathay Lounge. Yes, indeed, we'd love it.

At 9.30 the Dance Band draws us to the great Mayfair Lounge. The charming Social Directress approaches: bids us "welcome", makes a few introductions and away we whirl, Midnight!—and so to bed.

WHERE DOES the time go? We've met hosts of people now and find we have many mutual friends. There is always something arranged for after-

noons and evenings but mornings are—usually free, except Sundays when Holy Mass is celebrated in the Empress Room by the Roman Catholic Chaplain and Divine Service in the Mayfair Lounge by the Church of England Chaplain. We attend Divine Service and see the Choir, consisting of smart little bellboys and a few other members of the crew file in one door, while the laundry girls file in the other, taking their places on either side of the Table draped in a Union Jack. Then comes the Chaplain followed by some of the senior officers. It is quite impressive and we feel we are in a real Church.

IN A FEW DAYS the weather grows warmer and the decks are filled with people taking their daily dozen, sitting in deck chairs, chatting in little groups, or just gazing over the side and drinking in the fresh breezes.

A number of smart costumes take my eye. One charming older woman, immaculately groomed, is wearing a rose beige wool dress under a top coat that matches perfectly, with a hat of exactly the same shade crowning her beautifully waved white hair. Another, a dashing brunette, is wearing blue slacks, blue pullover and a quaint little crownless blue felt hat. A blonde in pearl grey knit with touches of coral, is the cynosure of all eyes. There are many smart knitted costumes but sport dresses in flannel seem to be the most popular.

UP ON the Tennis Court a fast match is under way; the girls clad in shorts and shirts and the men in slacks and sweaters.

There is quite a "gallery" who cheer lustily at the winning point and all join the players for a "Quick one" in the Tennis Court Cafe. On the Sun Deck quoits and shuffleboard are in progress, while on the Sports Arena two sporting games of Deck Tennis are fought to a finish.

We wander down to the Library to choose a book and find half a dozen others on the same errand. At the writing tables three cruise members are scribbling industriously—diaries, no doubt. Strains of "Melody in F" come from the Mayfair where the Tea Concert is in progress so we sink down in a big easy chair to listen and sip tea. This "afternoon tea" becomes a habit and we soon know when it is four o'clock by that strange longing for "the cup that cheers".

Five o'clock! Off to the movies in the Empress Room which last until 6.15. Still time for a swim before dinner! We slip into our snappiest bathing suit and down to the Olympian Pool to join the jolly group of swimmers, divers, and those who just splash.

THERE HAVE been many delightful events. A general reception at which the Cruise Director and his staff met the cruise members. (Note we are cruise members and not just passengers). Then a Tea for the Younger Set. A Cocktail Party for the Bachelors, and informal Tea Dance, followed by a jolly "Get-Together" Dinner and Dance. Early in the cruise dancing classes are held so that those who are shy about appearing on the ballroom floor may

"brush up" their dancing. In addition, lessons are given in the Lambeth Walk, the Palais Glide, Eleanor Glide, and so forth.

"Won \$20 at Keno" confides a newly-found friend. "Let's celebrate with a drink." And that's how it goes, so many charming and friendly people. In my apartment I find an invitation to a Cocktail Party to be held in the Card Room; about forty are invited, convivial souls—all chattering at once.

Feel a bit "let-down" to-day for no earthly reason, so off to the Turkish Bath, then to the smart Beauty Parlour for a shampoo, wave, facial, and manicure, and come out feeling "on top of the world." "Woman—thy name is vanity" said a very wise man once upon a time! There are plenty of Bridge lovers aboard and the Bridge Parties held in the Empress Room are well attended with nice prizes for the winners. Horse and Yacht Racing on the after deck are always fun, with the betting fast and furious. Two small bellboys throw the dice and sailors move the horses or yachts.

Find I have mislaid my cold cream. Must visit the Shop to see if they have my favourite brand. Yes, they have! And what a variety of other things—all the way from a package of pins to a fully fitted dressing case.

THE DAY of our arrival at lovely Madeira a Treasure Hunt was held, with everyone so busy attempting to "discover" the treasure we had quite a shock when looking to port we "discovered" the island quite close.

Ports of call are frequent in the Mediterranean and the days at sea are always welcomed to give us a chance to rest up. Before each port an Illustrated Talk is given by the Cruise Lecturer, and most instructive they are.

Cocktail parties are now the thing when anywhere from twenty to a hundred congenial souls gather for a "get together" before dinner. And the Sports Tournaments are "going strong" with many a hard fought battle taking place.

Up to Suez woollen sports clothes and dark evening things were "just right" but now thin voiles, smart printed cottons, and shady hats are the thing with wispy evening dresses of fine lace, net, tropical crepe and so forth the correct wear. The men have changed also, and very smart they look in their white evening jackets.

The Outer Pool has replaced the Olympian in popularity and Mermaids and Mermen in the briefest of suits are acquiring a golden tan as they laze around the deck between dips. In the pool. Such fun! Someone brings along a Victrola and all join in the choruses of the latest popular songs. There are two orchestras aboard—one for dancing and one for classical music. We

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Stop being rude and interrupting mother, Lucy—I can't hear a thing they're saying at the other table!"

ROUND-THE-WORLD TOURISTS WHO ARRIVED TO-DAY



MISS VIRGINIA ESKRIDGE, of Greenville, Delaware, is one of the most popular members of the younger set aboard the Empress of Britain.

MR. WALTER HOFFMAN is the C.P.R. liner's most enthusiastic photographer and is Chairman of the Empress of Britain World Cruise Camera Club.

MR. ALFRED MORAN is an enthusiastic amateur photographer and carries his Leica wherever he goes on the trip round the world.

DR. JOSEPHINE WALTON is a Philadelphian and joined the Empress of Britain for the world cruise at New York.

THE REV. R. C. LAMBERT WILLIAMS, the Church of England chaplain aboard the Empress of Britain, comes from Bexhill-on-Sea.

MRS. CONSTANCE V. EDWARDS, of San Francisco, believes that the Acropolis at Athens is the most interesting spectacle she has yet seen.

DR. MARY M. STEAGALL is one of the many lady doctors who joined the Empress of Britain for this year's world cruise. She hails from Carbondale, Ill.

MRS. PERCY O. THOMAS is travelling with her husband and has been an extensive purchaser of curios and knick-knacks on the present trip.

MRS. ETTA FRETZ hails from Buffalo, New York. She joined the Empress of Britain at New York. Mrs. Fretz is also a popular member of the younger set.

MR. PERCY O. THOMAS was especially interested in Rome because his home town in the United States is also Rome Township in New York State.



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Empress Berths At Kowloon On Eighth World Cruise

The giant 43,000 tons flagship of the Canadian Pacific Fleet, the Empress of Britain, moved slowly up the harbour this morning, towed by the Taikoo tug Henry Keswick.

Dwarfing the aircraft carrier Eagle and the Dutch liner Ruys, which had preceded her up the stream from the quarantine anchorage, the bows of the Empress of Britain swung towards No. 5 pier Kowloon dock at 8 a.m. to the tick.

However, it took a small army of dock coolies and officials three-quarters of an hour to moor the ocean liner. It was 8.45 a.m. before the first passengers came off.

Captain Charles H. Sapsworth, Commander of the Empress of Britain, stayed on the bridge until his charge was safely moored, then hurried below to greet local officials of the line who congratulated him on his handling of the vessel.

A small street of stalls had been erected along the No. 5 pier, with curio and emporium-wood box sales, and many anticipatory record business. It was noticeable that prices had been considerably advanced above the usual levels.

Two hundred rickshaws queued up outside the dock, expecting to do business on the basis of "dollar felly, master."

UNLUCKY WEATHER

The liner, with flaps and pennants flying from stem to stern, presented a brighter scene than the weather. It was remarked by those waiting for the ship that this was the third year in succession in which the weather had been overcast for the liner's coming.

The liner is making her eighth call on her round-the-world cruise programme at Hongkong. As there is a considerably smaller number of passengers owing to cancellations made during the September trials by Americans, loath to leave their country on account of the international situation.

150 PASSENGERS

There are 150 passengers aboard, whereas on previous visits there have been between 300 and 400 on the liner. Mostly wealthy Americans, including six millionaires, some of the liner's passengers are occupying suites costing \$60,000 for the 4½ months cruise.

The Empress will sail on Saturday for New York, via Manila, Bali, Java, South Africa, South America and the West Indies.

Owing to the Far East war the itinerary, which included calls at Japan, was changed.

CARS AWAIT PASSENGERS

A fleet of 70 cars were parked on the wharves waiting until the passengers had finished breakfast to take them on tours round the island and New Territories.

Among the passengers aboard are Dr. and Mrs. B. Cecil. Dr. Cecil is a noted American surgeon and urologist. Since 1913, he has been residing in Los Angeles where he is connected with many of the large hospitals.

Mr. Ernest Miller Whitcomb, President of the First National Bank of America, Mass., is accompanied by his wife, Mr. Stephen Whitcomb and Miss Jane Whitcomb. Mr. Whitcomb commenced banking in 1905 in Boston and Chicago. He became the vice-president of the First National Bank of America in 1910 and six years later became president.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Scott, of Park Lane, New York, are also travelling on the Empress of Britain. Mr. Scott is the senior vice-president of the European Gas and Electric Co., a director of the Fibre Conduit Co. and a member of the American Institution of Electrical Engineers.

Mr. Percy C. Thomas, retired manufacturer of Rome, New York, and Mrs. Thomas are aboard. From 1920-28, Mr. Thomas was president of the Rome Manufacturing Company.

Mrs. O. O. McIntyre is another passenger on the Empress of Britain. She is the widow of Oscar Odd McIntyre, famous American author and newspaper writer.

London, Mar. 7.—The "London Gazette" announces that the Duke of Gloucester has been appointed a Grand Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in the British realm, in the place of the Duke of Connaught, who has resigned.—*Reuter*.

FOUR NEW CARDINALS PROPOSED

German - Vatican Relations

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 7. THE CORRESPONDENT of the "Stampa" learns that among the Prelates who will receive the red Cardinal's Hat at the consistory, immediately following the Coronation of Pope Pius XII, will be Monsignor Santoro, who held the post of Secretary of the Conclave, Monsignor Ruffini, Secretary to the Congregation of Seminaries, and Monsignor Borgonchini Duca, Nuncio at the Quirinal.

In addition, it is stated, at least two, possibly three American Prelates will be created Cardinals. One of them will fill the vacancy left by the death of Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York.

An entire re-organisation of the "Catholic Action" to bring out its national and religious character is envisaged in Vatican quarters, and it is added that the "Catholic Action" will be brought under the direct control of the Bishops.—*Trans-Ocean*.

GERMAN-VATICAN RELATIONS

Rome, Mar. 7. Pope Pius XII may give a second audience to the four German Cardinals who came to Rome for election. The first audience took place on Monday.

According to the Turin paper "Stampa", which is generally well-informed on Vatican matters, this second audience will have an important bearing on the relations between the Vatican and the German Reich. It is scheduled to take place on May 12, after the Coronation of the Pope.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Harrowing Stories Of War Refugees

London, Mar. 7. The French authorities need help, not criticism, declares Sir John Kennedy, in his report prepared for the British Red Cross Society, on the situation of the Spanish refugees in France.

Sir John is of the opinion that the best immediate help would be to despatch a fully equipped British hospital ship.

Sir John gives harrowing descriptions of the condition of thousands of sick and wounded. Besides the wounded, there are cases of tuberculosis, typhoid and other diseases. Men lie packed together, some on stretchers, some on straw, and some naked.

The report states that it must be remembered that the French are not dealing with a normal situation, but an army in retreat. The report pays tribute to the women in the French Red Cross.—*Reuter*.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

anassin asphyxin
assassin porkupine
poppinjay subaqueous
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

CHINA'S WOMAN'S DAY

To-day's Celebrations In Hongkong

HONGKONG'S Chinese women are gathering to-day in the Lee Theatre in Percival Street, as well as at the Prince's Theatre in Kowloon, the Apichau football field, and the St. Maria's Church in "Tai Hang Road" to hold mass meetings in observance of "Women's Day."

All girls' schools have suspended classes and female workers in local factories have taken a half-day holiday to participate in the meetings. Addresses by leading Chinese women and popular actresses emphasizing the duties of Chinese women in these days of the fatherland's life-and-death struggle will be given.

Pamphlets containing articles by Madame Sun Yat-sen and others, including a letter to the Japanese women, are to be issued at the meetings. In the vernacular Press several Women's Day supplements were published this morning.

Foreign women in the Colony will hold a meeting at 5.30 this afternoon in the Helena May Institute. The meeting will be presided over by Mrs. N. L. Smith.

Big meetings in connection with the "Women's Day" are also to be held throughout China. In Chungking moving scenes were enacted last night when 160 sing-song girls, dressed in heavy rain, inaugurated the ceremony in the war-time capital by offering golden rings and money valued at 1,700 yuan to the war chest.

Amalgamation Of American Trade Unions

Washington, Mar. 7. The unification of all the United States labour organisations in one movement was proposed by Mr. John Lewis, leader of the Committee for Industrial Organisation at a conference of the peace committees of the C.I.O. and the American Federal of Labour to-day.

After the committees had spent nearly an hour with President Roosevelt, Mr. Lewis made public a proposal that the rival organisations summon their members to conventions "to organise and dedicate an American Congress of Labour designed to supersede and embrace membership of the C.I.O., and to include membership of the railroad organisations."

Mr. W. Green, President of the A.F.O.L., rejected Mr. Lewis' proposal, which he said did not offer "any possible solution of the problems facing us."—*Reuter Special*.

London, Mar. 7. The important work of spreading knowledge of the English language, English thought, and English institutions, carried on by the British Council, was referred to by Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day when a vote for £27,000 grant-in-aid was submitted in the supplementary estimates.

Mr. Butler mentioned that extra teachers were necessary at Athens for the school for English studies, where there were 5,000 applicants for courses.—*Reuter Special*.

Japan's Royal Princess Is Named

TOKYO, Mar. 8.

THE ROYAL princess who was born on March 3, has been named Princess Takako Saganomiya.

The ceremony was conducted in the Imperial Palace.—*United Press*.

BRITISH INTERESTS IN PERIL

Aim Of New Tientsin Regulations

TIENTSIN, Mar. 8.

IN AN INTERVIEW with "Reuter", a leading local businessman expressed the opinion that the objects behind the new trade and exchange control regulations would appear to be to force acceptance of the Federal Reserve Bank notes by foreign banks, and to give them exchange value which they do not at present possess.

It has been declared that as old Chinese currency notes are circulating in the interior, it is doubtful whether the decree will have much effect.

If foreign governments allow their nationals to agree to the new regulations, it will be tantamount to admitting the right of the Provisional Government, which they don't recognise, to control trade in North China, and would undoubtedly lead to the elimination of foreign interests built up over a number of years.

Manchukuo is the sign post which all can read, and although the new regulations were framed in such a manner as to secure the co-operation of foreigners, there was no doubt that the ultimate object was to eliminate foreign interests for the benefit of Japan. The only remedy appears to be adequate retaliatory measures against Japanese trade by the Home Government.—*Reuter*.

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REACTION TO FIERY ORATION

Mr. Nakano And Diet Expulsion

TOKYO, Mar. 8.

JAPANESE REPORTS state that Mr. Seigo Nakano, who made a fiery speech in Shanghai yesterday insisting that Japan should use more force in accomplishing her aims, may be ousted from the Japanese Diet, ostensibly owing to his absence from Tokyo during the Diet session.

However, it is understood that this step is likely to be taken because of his Shanghai speech.

Japanese reports stated that Conservative members of the Diet roundly criticised Nakano's "desertion from duty," and said that Nakano had obtained a week's leave of absence last Wednesday when he went to Shanghai with Italian and German journalists, intending to visit the front, and that Mr. Takeo Kimura, a member of Nakano's Tohoku Party went with him.

It is understood that Nakano and Kimura are seeking extension of their leave of absence. However, the Seiyukai Party is expected vigorously to oppose it. If the application for extension of leave is refused, Nakano and Kimura must appear at the Diet within a week, otherwise they will be expelled, unless they show good reason to the contrary.

Nakano's travels were brought to the attention of the bargaining committee of the Diet last Thursday, when Mr. Yuki Takeuchi of the Minseitō Party alleged that Nakano had slandered the Diet upon his departure for China, when he told the press that the "Diet is placing his mind."

Meanwhile Mr. Wataru Shiga of the Seiyukai Party has proposed the expulsion from the Diet of the Independent, Mr. Tokokichi Tabuchi, who has not attended a single Diet session so far.

Japanese reports state that Tabuchi was ousted from an inn at the Yagura Hot Springs resort three weeks ago for non-payment of rent.—*United Press*.

SHANGHAI AUTHORITIES EMBARRASSED

Shanghai, Mar. 8. It is understood that the local Japanese authorities are embarrassed as a result of Mr. Nakano's speech, and they are urging his immediate recall to Tokyo.

Official Japanese sources denied endorsement of the speech, and said that although he heads a fairly large party, actually he holds no influence in the present Government.

The Japanese military spokesman's only comment was: "Nakano is a little sensitive."

It is understood that the Japanese army is rejecting Nakano's request to visit the front accompanied by Italian and German journalists.—*United Press*.

Soviet Doctors Honoured

Moscow, Mar. 7.

The Order of Lenin has been conferred on Professors Serguei Spassokukotsky and Alexi Oshkin, in recognition of their outstanding services in the sphere of surgery and medical aid.—*Reuter Special*.

THE BUSINESS BAROMETER

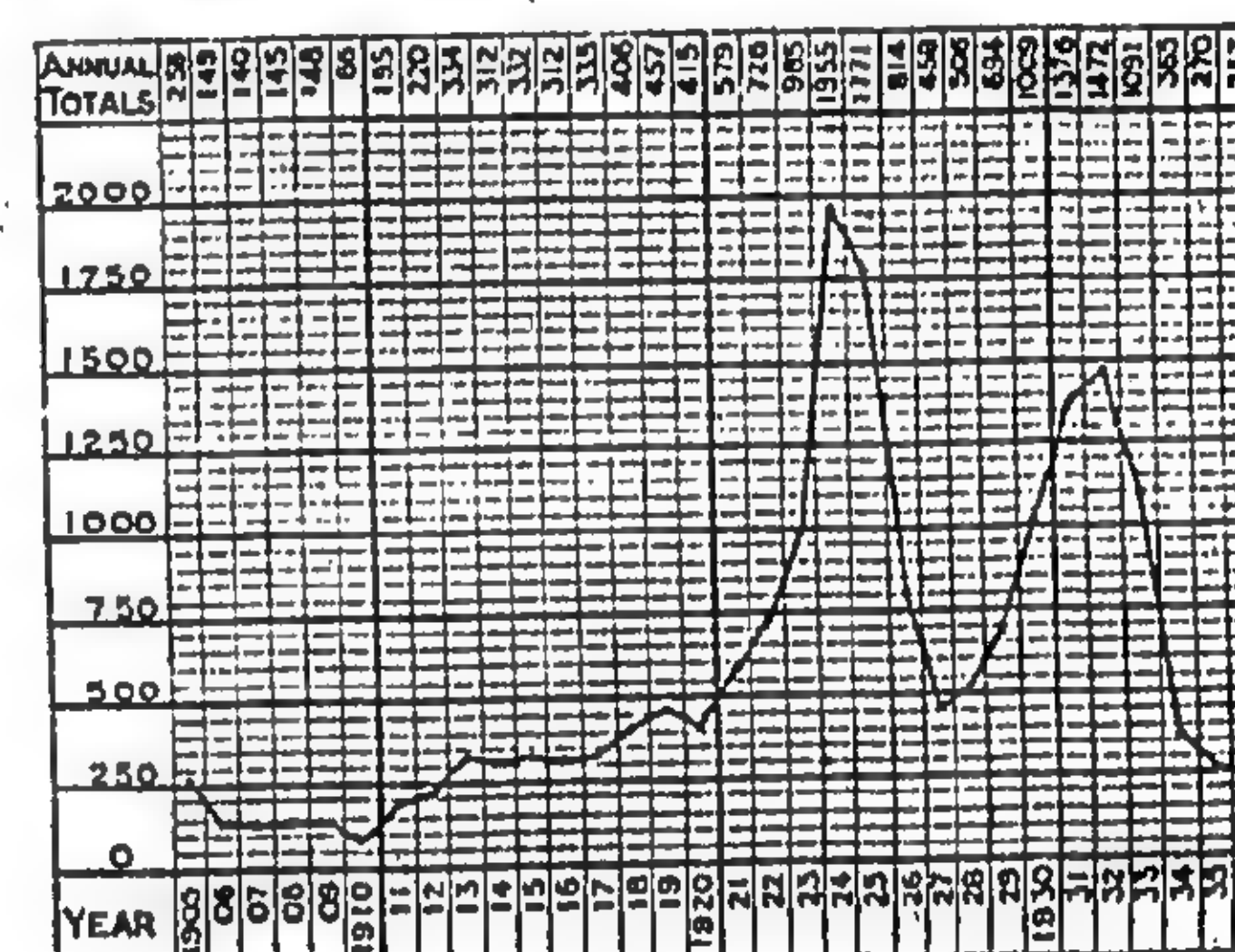


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Man Who "Scooped" World On Dewey's Victory Coming To Hongkong

MANILA, Feb. 8. MR. EDWARD WALKER HARDEN, 70-year-old American broker and former newspaper correspondent who scored a world "scoop" on the news of Admiral Dewey's victory in Manila Bay, is arriving in Hongkong on Friday by Pan American Airways' China Clipper.

Mr. Harden has been on a visit to the Philippines, to recapture some of the fascination of the days when he scored his scoop for the "Chicago Tribune". The famous message was filed in Hongkong. From Hongkong the veteran war correspondent will go by aeroplane to Dutch East Indies, India and Europe.—*United Press*.

FAIR STANDARD MAINTAINED IN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

H. D. RUMJAHN, LAI KWONG-TSUN FULLY EXTENDED

(By "Abe")

Of the eight matches down for decision in the tennis championships at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday, only six were played, walk-overs being conceded by J. M. Tomlinson and W. A. Land to Lam Kwan and W. J. Howard respectively.

Land was watching the matches yesterday with his arm in a sling. He sustained an injury, I understand, in the Seven-a-Side Army Rugby Tournament last week, and will not be able to play tennis for some weeks.

While the standard of some of the matches was rather poor, a fairly high level of play was seen in others, particularly in the two singles ties between H. D. Rumjahn and Wong Fuk-nam, and between Lai Kwong-tsun and S. A. Gray.

As probably expected, Rumjahn and Lai won but in each case they had to fight hard for their points. Wong's wonderful retrieving gave Rumjahn a much more difficult task than the Indian had, I am sure, haggard for, and but for his erratic phases, Gray might well have beaten Lai in straight sets.

A FORCEFUL GAME
Gray played a forceful game in the first two sets, and though he won many points with beautiful placements, which often left his opponent standing, he was unfortunately too prone to make mistakes when he could least afford them. As a result, though he was in most respects as good as his opponent, he lost the first set after ten games. A little steadiness at the right moment on his part might have seen the set swing the other way.

How well-matched the two players were in stroke production was demonstrated in the second set, which went to 10 games before Gray won it. While Gray was able to put in a great deal of pace in his drives from returns which kept fairly low, he was not nearly so successful when Lai sent over his high-bouncing drives which had to be carefully watched. After a period of uncertainty, however, Gray dealt with them fairly well, but found that when he advanced to the net he was almost invariably beaten by nicely-placed passing shots on both wings. Nevertheless after a four struggle, Gray won the set at 9-7. This effort apparently had taken too much out of him and he was unable to produce his earlier form in the final set, which he lost to love.

RUMJAHN EXTENDED
If the score of 6-3, 6-4 indicates a comfortable victory for Rumjahn over Wong Fuk-nam, it is a false impression. The score rather betrays the tightness of a struggle, the outstanding feature of which was Wong's lion-hearted retrieving of what appeared to be winners all the way. If for nothing else, Wong deserved to get more than seven games because of his pluck; but apart from this phase of his play, he also shone in his volleys and ground strokes, which were as steady, if not quite as pacy, as those of his opponent. Many were the sustained rallies which ended finally in favour of the Chinese. Deep drives, smashes and angled volleys were returned unperturbably by Wong, and often Rumjahn was forced into making mistakes. But on the whole it was

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

OPEN SINGLES

Lai Kwong-tsun beat S. A. Gray, 6-4, 7-9, 6-0.
H. D. Rumjahn beat Wong Fuk-nam 6-3, 6-4.
Lee Wai-tong beat Y. C. Lau 6-0, 6-1.
Leung Ping-chiu beat Lee Chee-man 6-1, 6-3.
Lam Kwan received walk-over from J. M. Tomlinson.
W. J. Howard received walk-over from W. A. Land.

OPEN DOUBLES

E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson beat Pang Oi-lam and Wei Chung, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-2, 6-2.

Rumjahn, who dictated terms, and because he was able to keep his attacking strokes under control, he deserved to win, though it would not have flattered his opponent in the least even if the match had gone to three sets.

The game certainly would have been closer had Wong not served so many double faults.

DULL MATCHES

The other singles matches were very dull indeed. Lee Wai-tong played only at half-speed against Y. C. Lau and yet was able to win with the loss of only one game in two sets. Leung Ping-chiu was never extended by Lee Chee-man.

The Tsui brothers, holders of the doubles title, had little difficulty in negotiating their first fence, beating T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould by 6-2, 6-2. A more even fight was that between E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson, and Pang Oi-lam and Wei Chung. The Hongkong C.C. pair, after conceding a closely-fought first set after 12 games, finally won out.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme of matches to-day:
Singles.—H. D. C. Misa v. Lee Yue-wing; W. Sander v. Chan Chi-leung; B. Sato v. Firdos Khan; Marsland v. J. W. Leonard.
Doubles.—A. Crawford and R. T. Broadbridge v. Tsui Ping-fan and Ng Kam-chuen; L. J. S. Theobald and Capt. A. B. Whitman v. Lt. Col. I. A. Newham and Major F. R. Baynes; S. A. and K. D. Rumjahn v. F. H. Kwok and S. W. Lam; V. Hernandez and J. Goncalves v. O. Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain.

Good "Sevens" Rugby Promised This Afternoon



The Tsui brothers, above, had an easy passage in the first round of the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony yesterday when they defeated T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould. Tsui Wai-pui, who is also singles champion, is seen making a smash.—Staff Photographer.

Badminton

DOUBLES HOLDERS THROUGH

P. K. Hui and K. L. Yung, holders of the title, entered the semi-finals of the Men's Doubles Badminton Championships last evening when, at the Tai Koo Club, they defeated the Club de Recreio pair, C. N. Silva and A. M. Silva. Though the under-graduates won in straight games, they were given a good tussle by their opponents, the scores being 15-11, 15-10 in favour of Hui and Yung.

As expected, M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, one of the best pairings in the Mixed Doubles League, accounted for D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson in the Mixed Doubles Championship, winning by 15-3, 15-6.

In the Junior Men's Singles, S. H. Boone beat Leslie Sung by 17-14, 15-2.

Grimsby Defeat Stoke City

London, Mar. 7.
In the First Division of the English Football League Grimsby, at home, defeated Stoke City by 3-1 to-day.
In the First Division of the Scottish League, Clyde, at home, held Aberdeen to a draw, each side scoring once.—Reuter.

ERIC BOON NOW WANTS ARMSTRONG

London.
Eric Boon, a 19-year-old boxer who developed a punch by swinging a sledge in his father's blacksmith shop, wants lightweight champion Henry Armstrong.

Boon is lightweight champion of the British Empire. He can hit with both hands and is thinking seriously about invading the United States. When he does, he wants Armstrong. Boon concedes that Armstrong, with his crowding-hammering style, would worry any boxer, and he thinks the style is one that he can solve.

"I've seen Armstrong fight in the pictures," he said. "I like the way he comes to his man. His style is made-to-order for me. He sets a fast pace, but so do I."
Despite his youth, Boon has had more than 200 fights. He won the British championship last December by knocking out Dave Crowley in the 13th round.

BEST IN 25 YEARS

Syd Hulls boxing promoter, regards Boon as the best British lightweight to come along in 25 years.

Boon's friends and handlers are having a hard time getting him to concentrate upon the immediate future, instead of thinking about a bout with Armstrong. All during the negotiations for the Danahur bout Boon was thinking and talking about a crack at Armstrong.

Strangely, it is neither Armstrong nor Joe Louis whom Boon admires most among the American boxers. It is Max Baer, the former world heavyweight champion.

"Of all the American fighters I've seen I like Baer best," he said. "How he can punch and what a personality."
Boon has since defended his

courageous driving, and Valentine 4. The Springboks were on their toes the whole time, Gordon and Langton bowling inspiredly on a wicket which was giving some assistance but was not difficult.

AMES HOLDS FORT

After tea there was a crowd of 9,000 on the ground to watch the play.

Ames, with powerful driving off all the bowlers, reached his 97 minutes' batting, having hit five fours in the process.

His partnership with Valentine had yielded 58 in 51 minutes. Then Valentine was stumped by Grieverson off Dalton after scoring 26. The total was now 229 for six wickets.

Verity, next man in, saw the score being taken to 245 and then he was bowled by Dalton. His contribution was three.

At 268 for seven, stumps were drawn owing to bad light.

Ames had 82 not out and Wright five not out. Ames had been batting magnificently and was at the wicket for 155 minutes for his runs, which included seven fours.

Scores:

South Africa.—1st Inns. 530.

M.C.C.—1st Inns.

Hutton, run out 38

P. A. Gibb, c Grieverson, b 4

Newson 62

Paynter, lb.w. b Langton, b 24

W. H. Hammond, st Grieverson, b Dalton 82

Ames, not out 1

Edrich, c Rowan, b Langton, b 26

Dalton 5

Verity, b Dalton 23

Wright, not out 23

Extras 23

Total (for 7 wickets) 268

Fall of wickets.—1 (Gibb) for 21

2 (Hutton) for 62; 3 (Hammond) for 125; 4 (Paynter) for 169; 5 (Edrich) for 171; 6 (Valentine) for 229; 7 (Verity) for 245.

CRICKET TOURISTS IN A BAD POSITION IN THE FINAL TEST

The M.C.C. are at the moment in a very unfavourable position in the Fifth and Final Cricket Test against South Africa now being played at Durban. Against the South Africans' total of 530 in the first innings, the Englishmen had scored 268 for seven wickets at close of play yesterday. Leslie Ames, with 82 not out, is the tourists' main hope of narrowing down the margin between the two scores.

Durban, Mar. 7.
The heavy rainfall yesterday, which necessitated the drawing of stumps earlier than usual on the third day of the Final Test match, lasted until early this morning. Consequently the wicket was damp.

L. Hutton 24 and Paynter 0 resumed their place at the wicket before a crowd of 1,000 in overcast weather. Both batsmen showed extreme caution in bringing the overnight score of 35 to 60, which took a total of 122 minutes to make.

With the score at 64 Hutton was run out owing to a misunderstanding. He drove Gordon and started to run, then waved Paynter back but Paynter continued to run. Van Der Byl returned the ball from mid-on and Hutton was run out by yards.

He scored 38 and batted for 124 minutes.
Hammond joined Paynter and they carried the score to 93-2 when the

lunch interval arrived. Paynter had scored 23 and Hammond 11.

Afternoon's Play

The crowd had increased to 4,000 after lunch, with the weather dull and cool.

The 100 went on the board after 210 minutes of play. Paynter had survived two appeals for lb.w. by Newson.

Hammond was stumped by Grieverson off Dalton, 125-3. He attempted to drive and was beaten by a sharp off-break. His score of 24 was made in 94 minutes.

Paynter was out eventually lb.w. to Langton when he was tripped by a break-back, 160-4. He scored 62, including three boundaries, in 260 minutes.

Ames was joined by Edrich, but the latter, after scoring a single, faced Langton to give an easy catch to Rowan at ally mid-on, 171-5.

The score was brought to 184-5 at tea time, Ames having scored 38 by



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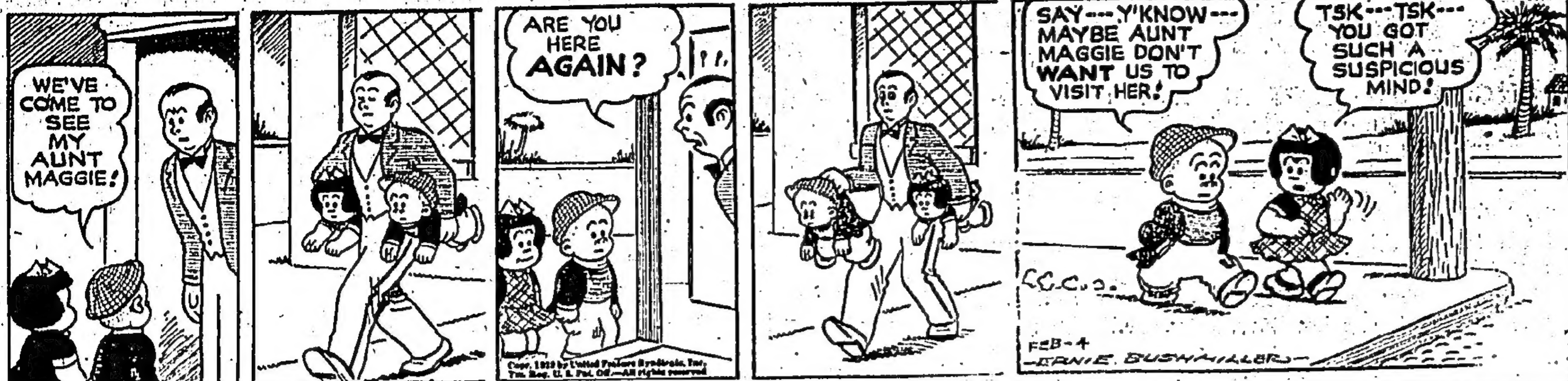
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NO THRILLS IN ARSENAL V. WOLVES GAME

Defences Supreme from Start to Finish

By Charles Buchan

Arsenal 0 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0
Those people who attended Highbury expecting a thriller were sadly disappointed. The meeting between Arsenal and the Wolves looked a goal-less draw right from the start.

So supreme were two of the best defences in the country that the real scoring openings made could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Arsenal had two, both missed by Drury, and the Wolves one, when McIntosh shot straight at Wilson near the end. For the rest, the defenders had the forwards in a grip that tightened the longer the game proceeded.

For the students of modern defensive tactics, organised to the last degree, the game provided all the lessons that could be required. For those who prefer spectacular riffs, combination clever dribbling and all the things that go to the making of an entertaining game, it was as dry as dust.

Wolves were the superior side because they had a better understanding between defence and attack and a half-back line that ruled the exchanges. Gully, Cullis and Gardner were always on top of Arsenal's frail attack. On the few occasions they were beaten, Morris and Taylor stepped into the breach. They made Scott's job one long procession of free-kicks.

Arsenal's defence was just as effective, though in their case the backs were the strong pillars. Maile was troubled by the trickery of Maguire in the early stages, but he and Haggood were always in position to cut off the Wolves attempted runs. They received ably assistance from Bernard Joy, a real stopper, and Collett, a very sound deputy for the injured Copping.

The Arsenal half-back, however, were not in the same street as those of the Wolves when it came to supporting the forwards. Gully and Cullis usually placed the ball to their forwards, but Collett and Crayston were content to send the ball forward without attempting to draw an opponent.

PRETTY, BUT USELESS

In their favour it must be said they received little help from the attack. When they had the ball not one of the forwards moved into position. They waited for the ball to be sent to them. In contrast, the young Wolves forwards were always moving about, giving their half-backs the targets they wanted.

Though they moved the ball quickly and accurately, the young Wolves forwards lacked experience against such capable defenders. Some of their passing in the first half was pretty but it led nowhere. Maile and Haggood were not to be caught out of position by crossfield passing.

In the first half Maguire looked an international; in the second he allowed the persistence of Maile to discourage him. I thought Westcott, a dashing leader, the best of the line, with McIntosh a clever schemer. But as is as I thought with the Wolves' forwards. On a firm surface and against experienced opposition, they lack guile and footwork.

Still, they were better together than Arsenal's unimaginative forwards. With the exception of a few efforts by Drake and neat touches by Lewis, there was absolutely nothing to distinguish the front rank. Bryn Jones and Drury usually made the orthodox move, and neither anticipated the run of the play. With Kirschen held by Morris, Arsenal's attack would have been flattered if they had scored.

ARSENAL'S BEST ATTEMPTS

Drury should have done so with the two chances he had, both from long throws-in. In the first case he nodded the ball weakly over the bar; in the second he hurried himself at the ball when he should have steadied himself.

Arsenal's best attempts came from Crayston. In the first few minutes he went through like a flash and shot over the crossbar, while in the second half he repeated the performance. Then Crayston looked more like a forward than any of his front-rank colleagues. He came nearest to scoring early in the second half when, following a corner-kick by Burton, Haggood headed Westcott's header from the goal-line. A little later, McIntosh shot across the goal with

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1889.
In publishing the details of Mr. Chater's proposed reclamation of the Praya fore-shore on the 3rd of August, 1887, we ventured to express the opinion that if ever the scheme were carried out, it would be private enterprise and on similar lines to submitted to the Hongkong Government by its projector.
To any person whose vision is not warped by self-interest, dense ignorance, or petty spite, nothing could possibly be clearer than the absolute certainty that this reclamation of the Praya fore-shore will prove an invaluable boon to the colony. Briefly stated, it will improve the general health, provide suitable residences, offices, and warehouses at reasonable rents, greatly facilitate the shipping business of the port by allowing vessels to lie alongside a line of wharves extending from the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank to the Gas Works, and permit a tramway line to effectively bring the eastern and western districts within easy reach of the centre of the town, thus opening up building sites in the vicinity of Causeway Bay, along the Shau-ki-wan Road. It must also lead to a further extension of the Praya by the Government from Murray Wharf in an almost direct line to Whitefield Station, clearing away the present unhealthy district along the Wanchi fore-shore, and opening the gate to numerous improvements which have long been recognised.

The town of Pisa has become bankrupt. The Rialto, in referring to the matter, says that an Italian banking house proposes to put a man in possession of the Hotel de Ville. To avert this a genius in an Italian paper suggests a lottery with the Leaning Tower as the first prize! An insolvent town with a man in possession would certainly be a novelty.

The Northern Territory Times says:—Owing to the decision arrived at by the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company and the China Navigation Company to raise the fares for Chinese passengers from Port Darwin to Hongkong, from £5 to £8, a meeting of Chinese residents at Port Darwin was held, at which it was decided not to allow Chinese to travel by vessels owned by the offending companies.

25 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1914.
Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that attention has been excited in Germany by an article in the Koelnische Zeitung denouncing the new Russian Cabinet as being anti-German and asserting that the immense new Russian armaments are directed against Germany.
Although semi-official aspiration of the article is disclaimed it is considered that it foreshadows fresh military and naval demands.

There were six hundred delighted spectators of the pictures shown at the Wigwam Tennis Club, Kowloon, last night, by the Variety Film Exchange of Kowloon. The drawing picture was, of course, the one showing the races at Happy Valley, but

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7)
assassin—assassinate—populace—aphylla—porcupine—subaqueous



Robert Young, Simone Simon and Don Ameche (top, left to right) are the three delightful stars in "Josette," now showing at the King's Theatre. Bert Lahr and Joan Davis (lower right) help the film along.

National Tournaments For Amateur Golfers LARGEST SPORTING COMPETITIONS IN THE WORLD

The popular tournaments for men and women golfers promoted by The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post will be continued this year. These tournaments, which attracted nearly 100,000 entries in 1938, are the largest sporting competitions in the world.

No fewer than 1,055 clubs entered in the men's competition last year, and 978 clubs affiliated to the Ladies' Golf Union took part in the women's event.

There is only one alteration of importance in the conditions of play for the men's tournament, which is open to all amateur golfers who are not less than 18 years of age and who hold an official handicap of not less than six on March 1 at a club which has been allotted a standard scratch score by the English or Welsh Golf Unions.

Last year two handsome pint tankards were presented to each club for the winners of the qualifying round. It happened that some of the qualifying round winners were unable to compete in the District Finals, and their places were taken by the runners-up.

In deference to the strongly expressed wishes of the clubs concerned it has been decided that the tankards will be taken by the club's representatives in the District Finals, and that if a qualified round winner finds it impossible to represent his club in a District Final he must retire in favour of the next available player, who will be entitled to the tankard prize under Rule 13.

Interesting Rugby Promised To-Day

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have some good players upon whom to call. Rutherford will probably be entrusted with the scrum-half position, with Hutchison outside to him. Cessford, if fit to play, will be a valuable acquisition on the Talook team.

The ties to-day are:
H.M.S. Birnham v. Police "A" (4.30 p.m.)
R.E. v. Small Ships "B" (4.50)
Small Ships "A" v. Club "A" (5.10)
Middlesex "A" v. Talook (5.30)
Admission to the games is only 50 cents for all stands with Servicemen in uniform at half-price.

apart from this there were several other good pictures shown. The weather played its little tricks with gusts of wind that slightly disturbed the curtain, at times putting it just out of focus, but this in no way marred the show. A special string orchestra was in attendance, and the large company thoroughly enjoyed itself. Special collapsible chairs were provided. It is to be hoped that this worthy effort at catering for the public need will be appreciated to the full.

10 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1929.
An emotional oration calling for the realisation of the ideal of the American people, but dealing largely with the promotion of peace in the world at large was delivered by President Hoover, after taking the oath of office as the Chief Executive of the United States at Washington yesterday.

5 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1934.
A state of alarm, amounting virtually to martial law, was proclaimed throughout Spain to-night following a succession of reports to the Ministry of the Interior concerning the unrest in the provinces.

Cricket Club Teams Chosen

The following have been selected to play for the Hongkong C.C. in League matches against Craighower C.C. on Saturday:

First XI (Home)—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), F. A. Pearce, L. T. Rids, J. L. C. Pearce, J. L. Isley, C. D. Walker, M. F. J. Haymer, L. D. Kilbee, J. H. Fox, D. S. Blake, A. K. Mackenzie.

Second XI (Away)—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, C. M. Stark, D. S. Robb, G. E. R. Divett, H. J. Armstrong, N. P. Fox, R. M. M. King, H. J. D. Lowe, V. C. Bond, G. S. Lovett, D. O. Parsons (12th man).

35-Day Drought Is Broken

Hongkong's thirty-five day drought was broken last night when half-an-inch of rain was recorded at the Royal Observatory.

Somewhat ironically, the ending of the long drought has coincided with the arrival in the Colony of the Empress of Britain, which has, in past years, proved a harbinger of rain. As a result of the cloudy conditions, the visiting tourists were robbed of the thrill of viewing Hongkong's Peak from the harbour, and a proposed tour this afternoon of the Peak may have to be cancelled because of the heavy mist.

The total rainfall recorded in Hongkong since January 1 is only one and three-quarter inches, which is well below the average. Over a quarter of this total fell last night.

DRIVER KILLED

Milan, Mar. 8.
The 27 year-old racing car driver, Signor Renzo Canoni, was accidentally killed to-day while carrying out a trial run with a Maserati car on the Monza racing track. Trans-Ocean.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Josette" (King's Theatre, to-day.)—Josette (Simone Simon) substitutes for a temperamental French singer and is immediately besought by Don Ameche and Robert Young who, quite naturally, think she is the Josette who has been fascinating their playboy father. The baby-faced French star sings several songs with her pleasant little pipe voice in a comedy which will do as well as anything to pass an entertaining evening. Bert Lahr and Joan Davis supply some comical moments.

"The Great Waltz" (Queen's Theatre, to-day.)—A bit too elephantine, but Julien Duvivier has managed to slip in a few of his characteristically brilliant flourishes. The characters and story are forgotten in the maze of the Strauss music, to hear which of course is what music-lovers go to see this picture for. Lulse Rainer, Fernand Gravel and others made the plot sound plausible.

"New White" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day.)—This already well-known picture has been brought back for one day. Those who have not yet seen this, the best example of Walt Disney's art, should not miss the opportunity.

"White Banners" (Oriental Theatre, to-day.)—Sentimental inspiration drama which takes on a certain nobility through the excellent performances of its principal characters. Fay Bainter is the serving woman who enters a household on a cold winter morning and remains to become a firm counsellor and a strong defence against adversity when it arrives. Claude Rains and Kay Johnson have the other leading roles.

"South Riding" (Majestic Theatre, to-day.)—A successful British picture, in which acting honours go to Edna Best and Ralph Richardson—also Ann Todd and Edmund Gwenn. "Love and Hisess" (Cathay Theatre, to-day.)—That old feud between Walter Winchell and Ben Bernie revived once again, and this time they are aided by Simone Simon. Entertaining picture.

A. S. Samuel Beats English Champion

London, Feb. 25.
A. S. Samuel, the Selangor badminton player, won the Sussex Championship at Hove.
He beat the All-England champion, R. C. Nichols, in the second round 15-6, 15-0.
Samuel has won these titles in Great Britain: All-Ireland, Worthing, Kent, Eastbourne, Leicester, Notts County and Sussex.

Two Badminton Ties Are Postponed

Two of this evening's three men's senior singles badminton championship matches have been postponed.

T. F. Yong has sprained his wrist, and his match with F. Koh has been postponed until Tuesday, March 14, when it will be played off at Talook at 9 p.m.

The tie between C. Au and S. F. Hon has also been postponed, and will be played at Club de Recreio on Wednesday, March 15, when Au will also play a mixed doubles game the same evening.

The only match due for decision to-night is between P. K. Hui and J. S. Ho at the Club de Recreio.

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

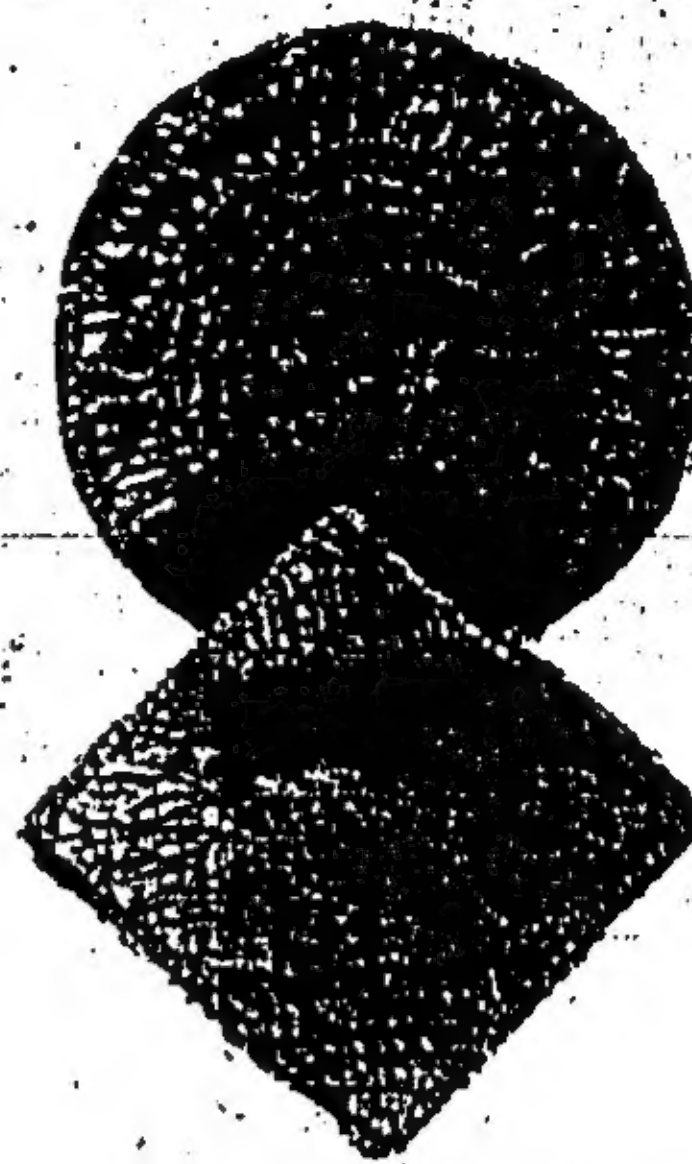
Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 18th March, 1939, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 9th March, 1939.

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Lady Northcote Opens Colony's Air Raid Precaution Exhibition

HONGKONG'S FIRST Air Raid Precautions Exhibition was opened at the Peninsula Hotel at 2.30 p.m. to-day by Lady Northcote.

The exhibition has been divided into three sections, two of which are inside the Peninsula and the third on the railway allotment opposite.

A total of thirty-three exhibits cover the entire field of A.R.P. work.

In the interior exhibition one room contains, in addition to an Information Bureau, the following:

Full Size Window.—Window is unprotected. Arrows indicate where gas would penetrate.

Full Size Window.—All cracks between window frame and wall sealed up, using putty or pulp made of newspaper and water.

Cover with strong brown paper pasted over.

Cellophane to prevent collapse in case the glass is cracked.

Several layers, if possible, glued on both sides of the glass with cellulose lacquer, gum or other adhesive. The layers overlap on to the frame.

Two layers of blanket and strong wire netting fastened to a wooden frame which is a good fit against the window.

Carpet nailed to window, ready to lower for protection against glass splinters, or for use at night, to prevent light showing outside.

Wooden frame and thumb screws to fasten carpet in place when lowered.

Full Size Door.—A felt covered batten nailed to floor so that door closes against it.

Felt fitted round door frame to complete gas tight joint between door and frame.

All cracks and joints in door sealed by pasting paper strips over them.

Keyhole plugged and sealed, key tied to door handle.

Blanket fixed to outside of door frame by wooden battens nailed along the top, from top to floor down the hinge side and half way down the handle side. One foot of blanket allowed to trail on floor.

Full Size Window.—A wall of sandbags or boxes filled with earth, sand, broken stone, coal, etc., built round window opening and overlapping it for at least one foot in each direction.

Splinter protection is afforded if the wall is of minimum thickness 2 feet 6 inches.

In example, protection is given by boxes filled with sand.

Typical Chinese Tenement Block.—One half is unprotected.

The other half demonstrates the methods employed to protect against splinters, blast and gas.

A Refuge Room has been constructed on one floor to provide shelter for all the tenants in that section.

Method of Sealing Door After the Family is Inside.—Door locked and key tied to handle. Keyhole plugged.

All joints and cracks in door and between door, frame and floor, sealed by pasting over with strips of strong paper.

Model of Trench for Occupants of a Private House.—A trench has been constructed in the garden of a private house to provide shelter for the occupants in case of an Air Raid.

Model of Shelter Trench System.—A zig zag trench system designed to give Air Raid protection to the employees of a Factory.

How to choose a Refuge Room.—Domestic Fire Fighting Appliances.

(a) A.R.P. Appliances and (b) Rextorm Fire Extinguishers displayed by Messrs. A. W. Turner & Co.

A Typical Gas-protected Room.—This room has been gas-proofed in the approved manner, equipped and prepared for use as a Refuge Room in time of emergency.

Methods of protection are fully indicated by notices inside room.

Things to Collect for the Refuge Room.—String, scissors, hammer and nails, gummed paper and adhesive tape, pot of paste or gum, sheets of cellophane, brown paper and newspaper, electric torches, needles and thread, tins of jars with tin light lids, for storing food, bottles for storing drinking water, box of First Aid supplies, clean rags, bottle of disinfectant, pair of dark blue glasses (non-inflammable).

Protective Clothing.—The Heavy Anti-Gas Clothing is worn by personnel who may be required to carry out their duties in the highest concentrations of vapour or in liquid Blister Gas, e.g. Decontamination Squads.

The Light Anti-Gas Clothing is worn by persons not likely to be working for long in heavy concentrations of gas, but who may require protection from both liquid and vapour, e.g. Air Raid Wardens.

The Family prepare their Refuge Room.

Model of a Chinese House.—One room has been protected against blast, splinters and gas and has been equipped for use as an Air Raid Warden's Post.

Series of Pictures illustrating the Duties of an Air Raid Warden.

Effect on a House of various sized Bombs bursting 50 feet away.

Various Devices for Dimming House Lighting.—Including shade made from an old tin, shade made from a piece of dark blue cloth, and special A.R.P. electric bulbs, exhibited by Messrs. The General Electric Co. of China Ltd. and by Messrs. Anderson, Meyer & Co.

ROOM NO. 2

Care of Respirator.—Different types of Respirator are on exhibition and may be tried on those desiring to do so. The respirators will be fitted and instructions in wearing given by the qualified demonstrator in attendance.

Chart showing where War Gases attack the Human Body.

War Gases—Visual and Smelling.

Small Incendiary Bomb.—Sample of the "Kilo" Electron Incendiary Bomb. Weight is approximately 2½ lbs.

The Service Respirator.—The Civilian Duty Respirator.

Scale Model of a First Aid Post.—Lay-out designed to deal with Wounded, Contaminated Wounded and Contaminated persons of both sexes.

Full Size Airlock for large residences.—An Airlock is a compartment placed at the entrance to a gas-protected building or room, so that persons may pass in and out without admitting gas.

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OUTDOOR EXHIBITS

Full Size Garden Trench Shelter to accommodate Six Persons.—Where space is available as in a garden, a trench of this type provides excellent protection except against direct hits.

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Models of Shelters displayed by Messrs. Warren & Co. Ltd.

(a) Trenches formed of sheet iron with Gas-light doors and emergency exit at top.

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(c) Shelter in flat pre-cast concrete slabs protected by sandbags, earth and brush wood.

(d) Two types of doors and ventilator appliances.

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Four Types of Wall.—Showing

materials and thicknesses to provide protection against Blast and Splinters from a 500-lb. Bomb bursting not less than 50 feet away:—

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COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

Rextorm Fire Extinguishers displayed by Messrs. A. W. Turner & Co.

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Models of Shelters as displayed by Messrs. Warren & Co. Ltd.

HONGKONG AHoy!

(Continued from Page 6.)

are dancing on the After Deck now. Small tables surround the dance floor where happy groups sip cool drinks between dances.

MY! HOW the miles—and the days slip by. Our first Costume Ball was a jolly affair, with a gay medley of costumes—Sheik in turban and burnoose, vendors selling beads and carpets, Nautch girls in flowing skirts, Hindu ladies in glorious saris, pirates in hip boots and gleaming swords, cowboys in ten-gallon hats, Snowwhite and the Seven Dwarfs, a high executioner complete with axe, devils, monkeys, court ladies, wooden soldiers, veiled ladies, flower sellers, and dozens of other novel costumes appeared to advantage on the gayly decorated Tennis Court over which a golden moon shone softly.

It is impossible to give a detailed description of all the events held aboard but we must mention an amusing affair called an Elephant Dinner (With the elephants used for decoration and not for stinks) which brought out much talent among cruise members. They transformed their tables in the dining saloon into Jungle scenes, circusses, parades, and so forth—so cleverly done that the judges had a hard time deciding on the winners.

THOUSANDS OF miles have been covered since we left New York.

Many are the ports we have visited, where we have seen things it is hard to believe exist, but best of all we have made hosts of friends.

So much to do—so much going on—Gym workouts, a Black and White Ball—an Oriental Pageant with all the glory and richness of Far Eastern Costumes making a marvellous sight—dinners and dances for Bobbie Burns birthday, St. Patrick's Day and similar events, sing songs, when many voices go echoing over the silent sea—

orchestral concerts—real old-time Sea Shanties sung by the ship's crew; the boarding of Neptune's Herald, an awesome, wet, seaweedy creature who comes up from the Briny Deep. At the "Crossing the Equator" Ceremonies the crew, dressed in weird costumes and headed by an impressive Neptune and his "lovely" wife, have a field day when cruise members are lathered, shaved, and dumped unceremoniously into the pool.

Then there is a Mermiad Ball, at which time the ladies do the choosing and the men have to wait to be asked to dance. And do the girls come into their own on that night!

The Country Fair, held on the Tennis Court is very gay, with coconut shys, costers fortune tellers, hoopla, and so forth making the court look like an old-time Fair Ground. An eagerly awaited event is the White Elephant Sale when all those treasures we bought at various ports and now decide we can live without are sold to the highest bidder. What a sale! Girls acting as the "horses" add a spice to the Caribbean Derby, with heavy betting of sometimes hundreds of dollars on the favourite. On St. George's Day everyone wore the traditional rose, English airs are played and the famous roast beef of Old England forms the main course at the special dinner. A special dinner was held for George Washington's Birthday, with appropriate decorations and favours.

There are a thousand more things to tell of but we must stop sometime, and we are coming to the end of our cruise. Yes, days pass quickly everywhere but aboard the Empress of Britain we can truthfully say "Tempus Fugit."

IN THE days to come what memories we shall have! What a number of things to talk over, and the acquaintances we have made will become friends, who will know and understand when we speak of far far places and the lovely ship, which carried us on our world cruise!

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Realty And Trust Co. Annual Meeting: Shareholder's Questions

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The Chairman, presenting the annual report said:
The profit for the year under review amounted to \$94,089.40, which, added to the amount of \$62,760.49 brought forward from the preceding year, makes the sum of \$156,855.88 available for appropriation, and the recommendations of your Board in this connection is to pay a dividend of forty cents per Share, involving \$80,000; to transfer to General Reserve the sum of \$30,000, bringing such Reserve up to \$350,000, and to carry forward the remaining balance of \$26,855.88 to the 1939 Account.

INCREASED PROFIT

It is with pleasure I have to report that the profit for the year 1938, \$94,089.40, shows an increase of approximately \$37,000 over the profit for 1937.

As was anticipated in the Speech from the Chair a year ago, revenue by way of Dividends on Investments materially exceeded the previous year's income from that source, an increase of some \$26,000 being recorded.

The credit balance of Working Account also shows a substantial improvement on comparison with the preceding year, the increase in this respect being \$13,000 reflecting generally a further extension of the patronage accorded the Repulse Bay "Lido" and full occupancy during the year under review of the Company's adjacent Bungalows.

As perusal of the Profit and Loss Account will show, itemised expenditure remained approximately the same as for 1937 and appears to call for no comment on my part, accordingly the revenue increases have specially mentioned account generally for the enhanced profit this year.

Little comment seems to be necessary on items in the Balance Sheet. On the Asset side, Investment, at cost, appear at the same figure as last reported, but the market value thereof at 31st December last shows a slight improvement over the previous year, which is satisfactory considering the present dormant state of the local Share Market.

I believe you will agree with me when I state that the present return on these Investments can also be regarded with equal satisfaction. On the Liabilities side the Overdraft figure shows a comparative reduction of approximately \$50,000, and having regard to the dividend payment of \$50,000 during the year, this position can now be viewed with some measure of equanimity.

As there appear to be no other matters of which useful reference can be made, I now formally propose that from the balance of \$156,855.88 standing at the credit of Profit and Loss Account at the 31st December, 1938, a dividend of forty cents per Share on 200,000 Shares be paid, the sum of \$80,000.00 be transferred to General Reserve and the then remaining balance of \$26,855.88 be carried forward to the Account for the year 1939. I shall be obliged if some Shareholder will kindly second such proposal whereupon question as to the Report and Accounts may be raised.

Mr. Stuckling seconded the report.

MR. CROUCHER'S QUESTIONS

Mr. Croucher: Mr. Chairman, I addressed a letter to the Board asking certain questions on Investments and I received a reply through the Secretary that these questions would be answered at this meeting. You did not answer them as I expected, so I will now read out my questions for the benefit of those shareholders present.

"Dear Sir,—As it is somewhat difficult to follow from the balance sheet as presented what progress is being made from the Lido venture, I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly ask your Board to give me the following information either

by letter or at the annual general meeting of this Company.

1.—What is the total amount of capital sunk in land, bungalows and furnishings to December 31, 1938?

2.—What gross receipts were received in 1937 and 1938?

3.—What is the total capital cost to date of the Lido building including alterations?

4.—What was the gross amount received in bathing receipts for the years 1936, 1937 and 1938 respectively?

5.—Is the Restaurant making a profit? If so what was it in 1936, 1937 and 1938?

6.—What proportion of the overdraft is due to the Company's venture at Repulse Bay?

7.—Is the overdraft interest incurred debited to this particular account?

The Chairman, after establishing that Mr. Croucher was seeking information for 1938 and not 1939 on the first question as mistakenly indicated in his letter, said the figure was \$536,895.

DIFFERENCE IN FIGURES

Mr. Croucher: I have taken out original extracts from the balance sheets and I make it \$500,000 for the total of land, bungalows and the Lido. This may be a little bit out but not to the extent indicated by your figure.

The Chairman: You are confusing yourself to the questions asked?

Mr. Croucher: Yes.

The Chairman: I have given you the exact amount as far as the original figure sunk. The balance sheets show the rest in detail. The rent, buildings, furnishings, plant, machinery, craft and mooring come to my figure.

Continuing, the Chairman said: With regard to the second question, the Board does not think it is in the best interests of the Company that gross revenue figures should be discussed.

Mr. Croucher: Does that apply to the revenue from the bungalows?

The Chairman: To any property of the Company.

Mr. Croucher: Why is it not in the best interests of the Company to disclose the rents? You disclosed them a few years ago.

The Chairman: I do not think that any other property owners give such details.

NOT POLICY

Mr. Croucher: Our Company at Repulse Bay is entirely different. Up to 1938 you had in the balance sheet the income from bungalows rent. It was in the interests of shareholders then, why is it not today?

The Chairman: It is not policy to publish gross rentals of these identical bungalows.

Mr. Croucher: I understand the bungalows are let for a rent of between \$300 and \$400 per month. Will the management tell me if that is so?

The Chairman: I am not prepared to say so. It is not in the best interests of the Company.

Mr. Croucher: Yet it was in the best interests to tell the shareholders in 1936!

The Chairman: I must refer to the Articles of Association. As regards your third question, the total capital cost of the Lido building was \$103,286 shown in the 1938 balance sheet. There have been alterations but these have been normal scale alterations as properly charged.

To your question as to the bathing receipts, I must refer you to my answer to Question Two.

Mr. Croucher: Is the profit going to the Realty Company or to the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels? If so, what proportion to each?

MUTUALLY BENEFIT

The Chairman: The Hotel Company and the Realty Company mutually benefit. The Directors think this is fair. As regards your Question as to what proportion of the

overdraft is due to the Company's venture at Repulse Bay, I must again refer you to the balance sheet. The whole matter is completely clear to anyone who wishes to see it. Your last question is, "Is the overdraft interest incurred, debited to this particular account?" My answer is in the negative.

Mr. Croucher: I maintain that the Repulse Bay Lot as presented in the balance sheet does not show the true state of affairs. You have sunk in it \$598,000 which you obtained by overdrafts from time to time and the interest of that should be debited to your undertaking at Repulse Bay. It is not sound business to debit income from shares to wash out losses incurred at the Lido. You received between \$18,000 and \$10,000 from bungalow rent. You debit the depreciation to the income from investments. Instead of depreciating the bungalows rent from the working account. Do you agree with me?

The Chairman: You have just complained that we do not give you sufficient information and you wish to advise us in future to charge depreciation against working and show a net figure after working off the depreciation?

Mr. Croucher: The shareholders would welcome seeing the true state of affairs. The interest is \$30,000 a year on money sunk in the Repulse Bay venture.

The Chairman was understood to say the account went back to 1933 and there was an overdraft before the Lido was started.

Mr. Croucher: The interest charge has increased with the borrowing from the bank and the Profit and Loss Account has borne the interest during the construction.

A WORKING ASSET

Mr. Croucher: then quoted from the Chairman's speech in 1936 saying that the Lido was "now a working asset."

The Chairman: The interest of overdrafts has been charged to profit as it should be.

Mr. Croucher: Not to the profits from the Lido though, but to the income from shares to a great extent.

The Chairman: That is not true and it is not shown on the account.

Mr. Croucher: Here is the balance sheet. Depreciation \$14,000, interest on Bank overdraft, \$30,000. That should be debited to the Lido.

The Chairman: That is a matter of book-keeping and I do not agree with you.

Mr. Croucher: The Shareholders want to know whether we are making a profit on the Lido. The bathing sheds have been full, and the restaurant has been packed and according to the Working Account you have a profit of \$7,000. The question is, where has this money gone?

The Chairman: There is administration.

Mr. Croucher: What were the administration charges last year?

\$2,000,000 CAPITAL

The Chairman: About \$12,000 a month. You must remember that this Company has a capital of \$2,000,000.

Mr. Croucher: I have heard it suggested on a previous occasion that our Directors should make the Lido a subsidiary company. The investment part of the business should be segregated but the Board has not seen fit to do this. Will you give me a reason why it should not be made a subsidiary company? Is it because it is not returning a profit to warrant it?

The Chairman: It would be foolish and not in the interests of shareholders to try and start a subsidiary Company when Repulse Bay is only just coming into the public eye. It took the Hongkong public two years to realise that there was a first-class restaurant on the beach and they did not fully use the facilities there until 1938.

Mr. Croucher: In his speech in 1932 the Chairman referred... to (Continued on Page 4.)

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